



Strike at terrorists in Lebanon 'routine'

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and agencies

Israel's air attack against terrorist bases in Lebanon yesterday morning was described by defence sources last night as "routine" and unrelated to Monday's Katyusha rocket attack on Galilee.

Lebanese sources last night reported that seven people were killed and nine wounded in an attack on two buildings in Kab Elias in the northern Bekaa Valley, at 10:30 a.m. yesterday. The Lebanese said that six Israeli aircraft took part in the attack.

The IDF spokesman's statement said that the bases attacked belonged to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and were exit points for acts of terror against Israeli forces in Lebanon. All aircraft returned safely to base, he said, adding that the pilots reported good hits.

Yesterday's was the first Israeli attack on bases in Lebanon since early September when aircraft were used over Bhamdoun. Official Israeli sources insisted last night that the attack should be considered as "nothing extraordinary" and connected neither to the diplomatic processes to end the war in Lebanon nor to any specific act of terror. The attack was part of the process of pre-empting terror whenever possible by attacking it at source.

This year, there have been 16 attacks by the Air Force in Lebanon, including several - like yesterday's - in territory controlled by the Syrians.

A Lebanese police report said that among the seven fatalities in the attack were five Palestinian terrorists and two Lebanese civilians.

A communiqué issued by the Syrian army command in Damascus said: "Some civilians were killed and some wounded" in the raid by F-15 and F-16 Israeli jets. "There was property damage as well."

"Syrian air defences confronted enemy planes and forced them to return southward. There were no casualties among Syrian forces," said the communiqué.

Reporters close to the scene said shoulder-fired and truck-mounted SA-7 and SA-9 missiles were unleashed by the Syrians during the 10-minute bombing and strafing runs, but all were deflected by scarlet heat balloons released by the jets.

Telephoned dispatches also said three buildings used by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine were set afire in the fields of Kab Elias.

The town is just south of the Beirut-Damascus highway. Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, who also operate in the Bekaa, issued a communiqué in Damascus after the raid, claiming responsibility for Sunday's Katyusha attack.

In another development, heavy artillery duels broke out between Christian militiamen and irregulars of Druse leader Walid Jumblatt shortly after midday yesterday in the Kharoub region near Israel's Awali River defence line in South Lebanon.

Newsman in neighbouring Sidon said by telephone that mortars, field artillery and multiple rocket launchers were used in the battles that raged without let-up after nightfall.

They quoted Sidon police as saying one 70-year-old Christian woman was killed and four other civilians were wounded in the exchanges. Scores of panicky Christian families fled their home towns across Israeli lines to Sidon, they added.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres entertains Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir and his wife Shulamit (centre) to lunch in the kitchen of the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem yesterday. Sonia Peres, who prepared the lunch, is at extreme right. (Story - page 2) (Dan Landau)

At least \$80m. gap in budget cuts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

A gap of at least \$80 million separates the budget cuts the Treasury wants to enforce from what the "civilian" ministries are prepared to give up, and that gap is likely to widen.

In addition, the Defence Ministry has said it opposes the \$150m. cut the Treasury wants.

The Treasury is trying to slash the state budget by \$550m. during the coming fiscal year.

Treasury officials said yesterday that most of the ministries apparently do not understand that if there is no slash, the ensuing economic crisis will undermine social services and create large-scale unemployment.

The officials said that none of the ministers who have met with the Committee of Four dealing with

budget cuts has agreed to the proposals put forward by the Treasury.

The Treasury is apparently hoping that the committee will recommend that the cabinet approve the Treasury plans despite the ministers' opposition. The committee is scheduled to end its deliberations tomorrow and to report to a special cabinet session on Friday.

The Committee of Four - Finance Minister Moda'i, Economics Minister Ya'acobi and Ministers-without-Portfolio Weizman and Arens - met yesterday with Education Minister Yitzhak Navon. Navon said that he is willing to slash \$37m. from his ministry's budget, instead of the \$63m. proposed by the Treasury.

On Monday, the Treasury learned that the Health Ministry is not prepared to cut \$30m. from its budget.

On the same day, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav also told the committee he is prepared to reduce his budget by \$8m. and National Insurance Institute allowances by \$50m. According to the Treasury, these cuts should total \$15m. and \$75m., respectively.

Thus, the combined cuts the Education, Health and Labour Ministries are willing to make are some \$80m. short of what the Finance Ministry wants.

The gap between the Treasury and other ministries may widen tomorrow when the committee meets Housing Minister David Levy to discuss cuts in his budget.

The committee will also meet rep-

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Labour MK on way to Amman

Embarrassed party whip trying to intercept him

Jerusalem Post Staff
Labour MK Abdel Wahab Darousha was believed to be in Cyprus last night on his way to address the Palestine National Council in Amman. Alignment Knesset faction head Rafi Edri was trying to locate him by telephone to order the MK to return home at once, as he had not reported to the faction on his intention to leave the country.

Edri told *The Jerusalem Post* close to midnight that his efforts to contact Darousha had not proved successful. "We know that he left the country, but we don't know where he went," he said. Edri added that he was trying to trace Darousha at hotels in Cyprus and in Greece, with the help of Israeli officials abroad.

Edri said that Darousha's decision to travel abroad without first getting permission from him was a serious matter. He was not prepared to say how he viewed the MK's intention to travel to the PNC meeting, or what action he thought should be taken against Darousha should he refuse to return to Israel immediately.

The news of Darousha's plan to go to Amman was disclosed by the weekly *Koteret Rashit*, which appears today. In an interview with

the magazine, Darousha says: "I hope this dramatic gesture will cause a change in public opinion in Israel and a shift in the political position of the government under Prime Minister Peres."

Darousha said he is aware that the public mood in Israel is against accommodation with the PLO, but he is going because he thinks the PLO is ready for dialogue with Israel and the Amman PNC meeting is a turning-point.

While politicians of both major

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Abdel Wahab Darousha

Funeral prompts Golan women's protest

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. - Samal (Sgt.) Yehuda Cohen, 40, who died of his injuries two weeks after being ambushed in Lebanon, was buried yesterday at Moshav Bnei Yehuda on the Golan Heights. Cohen was married with five children.

A group of women settlers on the Golan Heights sent a telegram yesterday to Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, asking that he change the practice whereby men from the Golan do their reserve duty as one group in Lebanon.

"Such a high percentage of our men should not have to sit on the

dangerous confrontation line in Lebanon," the message said. "The price to us of the IDF's stay in Lebanon in recent weeks has been two dead and two wounded."

The women added: "Every injury to a soldier from this area is an injury to all of us. We're one family. Our children can't function (when their fathers are in Lebanon). You hear no laughter in the settlements. The pressure is intolerable. We therefore ask you, if men from the Golan must serve in Lebanon, don't send them all at once."

The signers emphasized that they did not oppose the invasion of Lebanon.

Rabin: Defence cut biggest since 1952

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that the projected cut in the defence budget would proportionately be the largest such military cut since 1952.

Rabin told the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Knesset. "We will be cutting into the living flesh."

Turning to the situation in Leba-

non, Rabin said that the government's two main aims are to assure the security of the northern settlements while also bringing the IDF home. But it will be impossible to achieve both these aims simultaneously if Israel takes unilateral measures.

He said: "I do not wish to talk in terms of 'no Katyusha rockets will fall here again'."

Rabin revealed that of 14 terrorist bids since autumn 1982 to fire

Katyusha rockets at Israeli territory, some had been foiled and the others had not hit their targets.

Israeli soldiers stationed in Lebanon had come under rocket fire hundreds of times, he added.

Likud MKs David Magen and Pessah Grupper asked Rabin why five settlements which the government decided to set up soon after its formation had not yet been established.

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France supports Syrian call for international peace talks

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter
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French President Francois Mitterrand met last night for a second round of talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad, soon after voicing his reserved support for the Syrian leader's call for an international Middle East peace conference to be held under UN auspices.

Assad had stressed at a state banquet in Damascus on Monday night that France could play a useful role in bringing about such a gathering.

Mitterrand said that although similar initiatives have failed, France had supported them.

But he stressed that such a conference should "bring together all those

who have something to say," including, he implied, the PLO and the Soviet Union.

Mitterrand, however, obliquely alluded to Israeli and U.S. objections to the kind of conference proposed by Assad.

Bulletin BLAST IN AMMAN

A heavy explosion caused severe damage to a building in the centre of Amman last night, less than a kilometre from the Palace of Culture where the Palestine National Council session is being held. Israel Radio reported last night. There was no report of casualties.

Italian police foil raid on U.S. Embassy

ROME (AP). - Police said yesterday that they had foiled a plot by seven Lebanese members of the radical Islamic Jihad to attack the U.S. Embassy with a dynamite-loaded truck. The Italian news agency Ansa reported.

It said the seven were arrested three days ago. News of the arrests was withheld because the investigation is still under way.

Investigators of Italy's anti-

terrorist police, Digos, confirmed that there were arrests.

Ansa said investigators first learned of the plot when one of the suspects was picked up by police near the U.S. Embassy on the fashionable Via Veneto. A map of the embassy grounds was found in his pocket, it said.

Police said the group apparently planned to attack the embassy with a truck full of explosives.

Pumps start up again as Mekorot agrees to pay IS2b.

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The Israel Electric Corporation last night restored power to Mekorot pumping stations throughout the country - including those supplying drinking water - after an agreement was reached over the water company's outstanding debts.

Mekorot is to pay IS2 billion owed to the IEC in the next few days.

The agreement was reached following a meeting yesterday evening among the ministers of Finance, Energy and Agriculture, the Electric

Corporation spokesman said. Energy Minister Moshe Shahal has been asked by IEC general manager Yitzhak Hofi to find a long-term solution to the payments problem, to ensure that the corporation does not have to resort again to shut-offs.

The IEC switched off power to pumping stations supplying drinking water in several parts of the country, causing widespread disruptions, particularly in neighbourhoods of Jerusalem, where three of the city's eight pumping stations were out of action.

Fugitive nabbed while running in marathon

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
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HAIFA. - A fugitive who had been fleeing from the Negev police for weeks dashed straight into the arms of the constabulary while running in a marathon in Beit Shean on Monday afternoon.

The man, wanted for assault, threats and fleeing arrest, participated in the 21.1 kilometre

marathon together with 300 other contenders. He was spotted soon after the start of the race by another running buff from his home town of Sderot - a policeman who followed the suspect close behind - and then overtook him near the finish line, where he asked a fellow officer to arrest him. The fugitive was too exhausted to attempt escape or resist and was returned to Sderot.

Bombay manhunt for killers of British diplomat

BOMBAY (AP). - Police closed airports, ports, and train stations yesterday as part of a manhunt for two "European-looking" assailants wanted for the killing of a senior British diplomat.

Percy Norris, Britain's new deputy high commissioner in Bombay, was shot dead as he was being driven to work shortly before 8 a.m.

The motive was not immediately known, but one police inspector speculated the Irish Republican

Army could be involved. The attack was the fourth on a foreign diplomat in India in the past 2½ years. None of the assailants has been captured.

In Paris, a man claiming to represent a little-known Moslem revolutionary organization took responsibility on behalf of his group for the killing, saying the diplomat was a spy. In a telephone call to the French News Agency, the man said a commando for the Revolutionary Orga-

nization of Socialist Moslems "executed at dawn Tuesday the British consul who works for Scotland Yard and who is connected to the CIA."

Bombay's police chief told newsmen there were two assailants, who were described as "white" and "European-looking."

Police said the 56-year-old Norris was shot as the car slowed down to turn at a traffic rotary in South Bombay, about 4kms. from his office. He was pronounced dead

shortly after being rushed to a hospital.

The United News of India quoted Bombay's deputy commissioner of police, N. Venkatachalam, as saying that four shots of foreign-made 9-mm. ammunition were fired at the diplomat at point-blank range. One of the bullets pierced Norris's right temple and exited from the left temple. The second bullet entered the chest from the left and came out of his right side.

Gur: 'Seven smaller hospitals must be closed or changed'

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seven hospitals must either be closed or adapted to fit into an overall health service programme, Health Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday. The seven are: the Hospice Hospital, Misgav Ladach and Bikur Holim in Jerusalem, the Baka

al-Gharbiya maternity hospital and three others with less than a 100-bed capacity.

Gur stressed that the Poriya Hospital outside Tiberias is not one that should be closed. Gur was alluding to Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's statement last week that closing Poriya would solve the Health

Ministry's budgetary problems.

On a visit to the Hospice Hospital in Jerusalem's Old City, Gur and Ministry Director-General Dan Michaeli spoke at length with the administration of the government-operated facility about the problems that have caused the hospital to decline. It was agreed that either the

hospital will be closed or resuscitated.

As for the other two Jerusalem hospitals, Gur said that there "is no justification for the continued existence of hospitals like Bikur-Holim or Misgav Ladach unless they are brought into a framework of an

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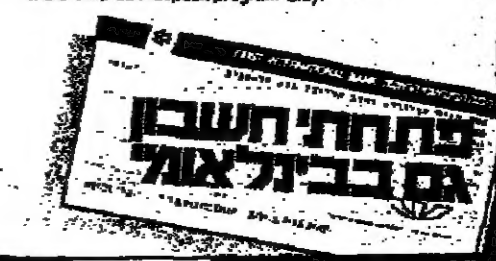
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Apartment rentals not linked even if pre-package deal

New order clears up price-freeze queries

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The three-week-old price freeze was clarified further yesterday, by a second executive order clearing up a few points left unanswered in the original order.

The freeze - from November 4 until January 31 - is an integral element of the three-way economic package deal among the government, Histadrut, and employers. Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i has hinted that the package deal will be extended.

One of the clarifications in yesterday's order covers apartment rentals. The order says that even if the rental contract, signed before the freeze, provides for dollar or index-linked rentals, the rent paid during the price freeze period will be determined according to the November 2

exchange rate of IS\$27 to the dollar. Another change is that of defining a "new product" for the purpose of price control. Under the original order a new product was one which had not been offered for sale in the three months preceding November 2. Yesterday's order reduces that to six weeks.

The new order also lists 14 types of goods or services not subject to the price-freeze regulations. These are: exports, agricultural produce; goods whose sale was completed before November 2, even though delivery was not made until after that date; real property; airline and ship tickets; overseas freight charges; goods or services sold to airlines or ships coming into and out of Israel; long-term leases (over 30 months) of equipment; services provided by a foreign resident, such as fees charged by a consultant brought into

the country; foreign-currency transactions; diamonds and gold; hotel charges for foreign residents paying in foreign currency; all insurance premiums except for compulsory motor-vehicle insurance; and the broad classification known as "financial transactions" which includes loans, deposits and guarantees.

Other points in the new order: - If goods or services are to be supplied periodically, according to an extended contract, the goods or services delivered during the price-freeze period must be provided at the November 2 price (even if the contract had been signed before that date and had provided for payments to be linked to the dollar, consumer price index or any other reference value). - A supplier of services during the freeze period must set his price at a

level no higher than he would have had he been supplying the same service on November 2.

- If goods or services were offered for sale on November 2 at a discount, the price for the same goods or services during the freeze may not exceed the November 2 price after the discount had been calculated.

- A merchant may not sell any product during the freeze which he had not sold during the six weeks preceding November 2, unless he receives permission from the Ministry of Industry and Trade to set a price. Such applications must be accompanied by documents proving the cost as well as other supporting documents. A decision by the ministry will be given within 14 days. If the ministry fails to reply, the merchant may sell his goods at the price in his application.

Police to tell Zamir: Kahane may have incited

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police this week are to hand over a report to Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir saying there is *prima facie* evidence to show that Kach MK Meir Kahane violated anti-incitement laws. The *Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Kahane was interrogated last week by two detectives from the major crimes division. He told them that Jews who take violent action against Arabs are "heroes...righteous...Maccabees."

The investigators also gathered newspaper clippings, and testimony from eyewitnesses to a speech by the MK describing David Ben-Shimon as a "hero." Ben-Shimon has been charged with firing a missile at an Arab bus in Jerusalem.

Kahane has often told his supporters that the only reason they should not undertake activities similar to those with which the alleged Jewish underground is charged is "that they will get caught."

He has argued - both to police

investigators and in various speeches - that his status as an MK grants him immunity, and that his freedom of speech on the subject of Jewish vigilantism is essential for carrying out his duties.

According to police sources, investigators will not state that Kahane should be prosecuted, but will make clear to Zamir in their report that the MK's statements were inciteful.

It will then be up to Zamir to decide whether to ask the Knesset to lift Kahane's immunity so that he could be prosecuted.

Zamir has twice taken the unusual step of speaking out publicly against what he calls "Kahanism."

But legal sources last night said that the attorney general would not undertake such a Knesset action unless he is certain that immunity would be lifted - and that a conviction would be in the offing.

The *Post* Knesset reporter adds:

The Knesset House Committee yesterday postponed to next Tuesday its vote on measures to be taken in connection with statements by Kahane.

Death threats sprayed on lawyer's door

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Vandals recently spray-painted Jerusalem lawyer Felicia Langer's office door, defacing it with death threats and accusing her of being a PLO supporter.

Langer told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the incident apparently took place while she was out of Jerusalem on Sunday night. Police, she said, are investigating.

She noted that, although this is not the first time she has been vilified for defending Arabs, she has never before been so brazenly threatened

with death. Langer said she is far more alarmed by this latest incident than by the threatening letters she received 10 months ago.

Langer has earned the animosity of right-wing circles for her defence of Arabs, particularly in land disputes on the West Bank. She is currently involved in litigation concerning the Dehaishe refugee camp outside Bethlehem - the site of several stone-throwing incidents in recent months. Jewish settlers nearby are negotiating to have the camp demolished.

Teachers Association slams Kafr Yasif back-to-work orders

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Secondary School Teachers' Association reacted with anger and shock yesterday when Nimr Moros, head of the Kafr Yasif Local Council, announced that he was issuing back-to-work orders under emergency regulations for the 15 teachers in the local high school.

Shoshanna Bayer, chairwoman of the Secondary School Teachers Association said yesterday that the orders, compelling the unpaid teacher to go to work or face imprisonment and dismissal, are a blow to the democratic concepts of the educational system and that the union will do all in its power to protect these teachers.

The school is one of several Arab high schools that have been on strike for seven weeks since teachers have

not received their wages for September or for October. The other schools are in Mughar Umm al-Fahm, Rama and Judeida. In all schools the Education Ministry transferred the funds for teachers' wages to the local authority but it was apparently used for other purposes. Earlier this month teachers at several Jewish high schools struck for the same reason, but all returned to work after arrangements were made to pay them.

Last week a teacher from Kafr Yasif was instrumental in the handing down of an *order nisi* in the High Court, calling on the Ministers of Finance and Education and the head of the Union of Local Authorities to show cause within two weeks why teachers should not have their salaries paid directly to their bank accounts.

Teachers will give Kassar more time

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Histadrut teachers are prepared to hold back protest actions and give Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kassar more time to work out their wage-grievances with the government.

This was announced after the meeting yesterday between Kassar and Yitzhak Welber, Secretary of the Histadrut Teachers Union.

Kassar told Welber at the meeting that the Histadrut is completely in support of the teachers' demands and will bring its full weight to bear on the issue.

The teachers have been on the

verge of declaring a national strike for several weeks because increments and re-grading of teachers, promised them in arbitration last fall, have not been paid due to the price-wage freeze. The teachers are also demanding that they be included in the framework agreement already signed by large sectors of the employees in public service.

NEW NAME. - Rehov Modi'in, the longest street in Ramat Gan, is soon to be renamed Rehov Ben-Gurion. Ramat Gan Mayor Uri Amit has announced.



Communications Minister Annon Rubinstein yesterday presents President Herzog with a new postage stamp commemorating his father, the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Yitzhak Halevy Herzog. (Dan Landau)

Herzog gets stamp commemorating father

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Communications Minister Annon Rubinstein yesterday presented President Herzog with a new IS400 stamp commemorating his father and chief rabbi of Israel, Isaac Yitzhak Halevy Herzog.

The president, at a modest ceremony at Beit Hanassi, said he was very moved by the stamp, which had been initiated five years ago - long before Herzog was elected.

In addition to the rose-and-beige coloured stamp and first covers, Herzog was given a reproduction of a drawing of the late chief rabbi by Zvi Narkiss. The drawing was the model for the new issue.

Rabbi Herzog joins a number of other rabbis, including Avraham Yitzhak Hacohen Kook, Meir Bar-Ilan, Arye Levin and Ben-Zion Ouziel, whose faces have appeared on stamps.

U.S. asked to press Paraguay on Mengele

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ASUNCION. - Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld has called on the U.S. to demand that the Paraguayan government account for the whereabouts of Josef Mengele.

In comments to *The Jerusalem Post* she ended a three-day visit here on Saturday. Klarsfeld commented, "I still believe very strongly that Mengele is alive and still in Paraguay. There is no question that pressure from the State Department would be the most effective means of influencing the Paraguayan government."

Klarsfeld was in the Paraguayan capital as part of an international delegation which included Elizabeth Holtzman, the district attorney of Brooklyn, Menahem Rosensaft, chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and Rene Valero, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Brooklyn.

After a meeting with the delegation Thursday, Paraguayan Interior Minister Sabino Monasterio promised that within three months he will complete an investigation into the Mengele case, which will consist of compiling and certifying all documentary evidence that may exist on the whereabouts of Mengele in each of Paraguay's 19 provinces.

Montanaro also promised to answer a list of questions on the Mengele case to be submitted to him by members of the delegation, and agreed to the presence of foreign observers to monitor and report on the Paraguayan investigation.

Rosensaft told *The Post* that the members of the delegation will decide on returning to the U.S. on ways to implement the agreement with the Paraguayans as well as ways of selecting the international observers who are to return to Asuncion to monitor the Paraguayan investigation.

Israeli envoy says thanks to Danes who rescued Jews

By REUBEN LOWY
Special to the Jerusalem Post

COPENHAGEN. - Israel's ambassador to Denmark Shama Kahana has presented the town of Gilleleje with a document from Yad Vashem thanking the citizens for risking their lives in rescuing Danish Jews from the Nazis in October 1943.

Gilleleje, a small fishing town north of Copenhagen, and close to Sweden, was the site of one of the most spectacular rescues of Jews during World War II. Following a tip-off from a German official in Denmark, the Danish underground movement, assisted by thousands of local volunteers, managed to convey most of the 7000 Danish Jews across the narrow sound to safety in neutral Sweden.

The refugees were stowed in the

holds of small fishing boats, one of which was presented to Yad Vashem at a ceremony last year in Jerusalem to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the rescue.

From the German occupation of Denmark in April 1941 until October 1943, the Danish Jews were not persecuted by the occupation forces. When they finally did crack down on the Jewish population, following orders from Berlin, only a few hundred remained in the country.

Presenting the document to the town of Gilleleje, Kahana said that the rescue will be deeply appreciated by Jews for all time.

At a similar event in the Swedish town of Hoganas, where the Jewish refugees were sheltered, the Israeli ambassador to Stockholm presented a message from Yad Vashem.

Nazi in U.S. 'too ill' for extradition

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). - Andrija Artukovic, an 85-year-old former Nazi who is accused by Yugoslavia of complicity in the execution of 770,000 Jews, Serbs and Gypsies in World War II, is too ill to undergo extradition proceedings, his lawyer said yesterday.

Artukovic is alleged to have instituted a comprehensive programme of persecution when he was interior minister in the Nazi-controlled gov-

ernment as the highest-ranking Nazi in the country, was arrested 13 days ago.

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Most pensioners won't get heating aid

Only 10,000 of the 240,000 pensioner households living on less than \$100,000 monthly are to get a special heating allocation this winter, the Knesset Social Affairs Committee was told yesterday.

Committee chairwoman Ora Namir said that in times when budgets are short, it is more important to see that the neediest get their minimum wants supplied, rather than to ensure equal financial aid for all.

Yair Tzaban (Mapam), who originated the discussion, said that instead of makeshift arrangements year by year to help pensioners heat their homes, legislation should be passed to provide for a statutory heating supplement in cold areas.

Beyond The Walls

A screening of the controversial film *Beyond the Walls*, about relationships between Jewish and Arab prisoners, before the Knesset Education Committee yesterday evoked some praise for the film's artistic and technical level, while inspiring right-wing and left-wing MKs to react very differently to the theme.

When the Likud's Michael Eitan (Herut) said it was naive to suggest that the film had any convincing political message, lead actor Muhammad Bakri accused Eitan of lacking political objectivity. Eitan said that the film gave a distorted

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representation of Arab terrorism. Geula Cohen (Tehiya) said the film affected her profoundly because it reminded her of her own prison experience during the British Mandate.

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) said that the film drove home the moral that relationships between Jews and Arabs on the personal level were what would tip the scale in the end.

Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) said that the film proved that a different sort of co-existence for Jews and Arabs is possible when they show each other mutual respect.

State debts

For the past few months the Treasury has been covering the debts of a state-owned building corporation, Binui U'Fituah, to the amount of \$1m. monthly.

This charge was made yesterday by Eliahu Speiser (Alignment), chairman of the Economic Committee, who said at a committee meeting devoted to the building slump that the corporation had won a building tender by quoting terms which made a loss inevitable, merely to outstrip

its competitors. Speiser said that one of the reasons why housing is expensive is the habit of the government and the local authorities keeping contractors waiting between 45 and 70 days for their money.

This forces the contractors to pay astronomical sums for credit. Speiser said. The contractors then pass on the extra costs to the purchaser.

Elscent Law

Deputy Finance Minister Adiel Amori (Alignment) said yesterday that no further share issues will be approved under the so-called Elscent Law until the Treasury examines the lessons to be learned from the two issues already approved (Elscent and Tadiran).

Amorai was replying in the Knesset to a motion for the agenda by Meir Shitrit (Likud-Herut), who said that shrewd investors have bought shares of these two companies and sold them soon afterwards, after having benefited from the special tax benefits granted.

The Elscent Law is designed to encourage investment in the shares of companies where research is a cardinal element.

Amorai said that he has appointed a committee headed by Yehuda Drori, commissioner of the money market in the Finance Ministry, to study the question and submit its recommendations by January 31.

TV chief says IBA is 'unmanageable monster'

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Uri Porat, the director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, said yesterday that IBA is "a body which has no management and is in any case impossible to manage."

Porat told the Knesset State Control Committee that when the government and the Knesset set up the IBA, they created "an anomalous monster, a tail wagging a dog."

He told the committee which is discussing the State Comptroller's Report on the IBA that the law establishing the IBA was "put together in a hasty manner without

any substance and without giving the management of the IBA any teeth to enable it to apply the law."

Porat said: "The State Comptroller's criticism of the IBA pales into insignificance by comparison with my own criticism."

He suggested that the plenum of the IBA be dissolved, since it is a useless and ineffective body.

Ora Namir (Labour) said the IBA is staffed by a considerable number of prima donnas and includes employees getting some of the highest salaries in the land without doing a stroke of work.

Yair Tzaban (Mapam) said the

IBA employees have turned themselves into a guild to prevent new talent being taken on.

Yitzhak Seyger (Likud-Herut) said that instead of the supreme bodies of the IBA ensuring political objectivity, the staffers themselves are to blame for politicization of programmes. He said that if racist reporters should one day join the staff nobody would be able to prevent them broadcasting racist propaganda.

Committee chairman David Liba'i (Labour) was the only speaker to have a good word for the work of the IBA.

Faith-healer's 'cancer cure' being probed

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sharon, a 14-year-old Jerusalem girl who went to the Philippines last month to be treated by a faith-healer, is to enter Hadassah Hospital's oncology department today to determine whether the "bloodless surgery" improved her condition.

Sharon left Israel a month ago on a stretcher, accompanied by Dr. Dan Aravot of Tel Aviv, and returned last week in what her mother described as an "incredibly improved condition."

According to her mother, Sharon was unable to walk when she left because of pain from the bone cancer she was being treated for, but

returned home walking normally. Aravot was noncommittal about Sharon's health, but said that "the how of the treatment is not as important as the results."

He said the confidence the patients feel in Sharon's "doctor," John Labou, might put them "in touch with higher internal forces that produce miraculous cures."

Sharon's parents at first refused to allow her to have further examinations, but finally acceded to persistent requests from Hadassah. But not every specialist is sure it is right to examine her. One prominent psychiatrist who works with cancer patients said: "If Sharon's newfound strength is due to auto-

suggestion and if the tests show she still has cancer, it might produce a relapse."

The psychiatrist added that "even the most conventional medicine recognizes that there are spontaneous recoveries that baffle science."

Although the Health Ministry has repeatedly condemned the ministrations of the Philippine "doctor" who lays his hands on the patient and then shows him bloody tissue which he claims are cancerous tumours he has taken out of them, sick people from all over the world flock to him for treatment.

At present, between 20 and 30 Israelis are in the Philippines getting treatment for cancer from Labou.

Public opinion poll shows: 'An Israeli wife's place is in the home'

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An overwhelming majority of the public believes that a husband feels his wife's first priority should be in the home, not outside work, and that otherwise the couple runs a high risk of divorce. This is one of the findings of a recent public opinion survey conducted by Dahaf for Na'amat, to mark the organization's month-long campaign on the status of women.

The campaign seeks to raise public awareness of the special needs of the working mother, and includes TV advertisements with the slogan, "Be a man - give her a hand." According to the survey - conducted among a

representative sample of 1,103 adult Jews - the campaign has a long way to go.

About 60 per cent of the male respondents feel that their image would suffer if their wives earned higher salaries than they.

Sixty-six per cent of males and 58 per cent of females maintain that a couple is more likely to divorce if the wife considers her outside job more important than her family commitments.

The survey found little support for the husband's right to help at home, even during times of special need, such as the birth of a child. About two-thirds of the public oppose

granting the husband paternity leave, maintaining that child care is the mother's responsibility. Less than half the population (48 per cent of women, 40 per cent of men) believes a husband should be given leave from work to help care for a sick child.

Of those husbands whose wives work outside the home, only 12 per cent consider themselves full partners in carrying out the responsibilities of the home, but only 8 per cent of their wives agree this is true. Of all respondents, however, 50 per cent maintain that a working couple should divide all home responsibilities equally.

Study: Impotence is widespread

Jerusalem Post Reporter

At least 99 per cent of Israeli males admit to having suffered at some time in their adult lives from sexual impotence. For some this was a one-time occurrence while for others it is a problem that has accompanied them for years, according to a just-published study.

Some 50 per cent of Israeli couples are sexually incompatible to a degree that causes them serious marital problems. But despite this, less than 1 per cent are willing to seek professional advice. His study has determined.

According to Dr. Ronald Vertikofsky of the Israel Society for Psychosomatic Medicine, the main reason for this is that the average Israeli male is "selfish, arrogant, ambitious, success-oriented and proud. He is constantly pressured, easily hurt emotionally and tends to violence if touched in a sensitive area."

As for Israeli women, Vertikofsky says they tend to be "sexually frigid, extremely forbearing and patient in sexual matters, and would far sooner buy a new pair of shoes or have plastic surgery than 'waste money' on counselling in sexual matters."

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UK, Spain agree on Gibraltar talks

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Britain and Spain agreed yesterday to negotiate on the future of Gibraltar, including the question of sovereignty, and to open the border between Spain and the British colony closed since 1969.

A joint statement issued after talks between Spanish Foreign Minister Fernando Morán and British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said yesterday's agreement would be implemented by next February 15.

According to the Spanish text, both parties agreed that sovereignty would be raised in negotiations to resolve all outstanding differences about Gibraltar, but Britain maintained that it would respect the wishes of the colony's 30,000 inhabitants.

It said the agreement would give

equal rights to Spaniards in Gibraltar and Gibraltarians in Spain. Both governments would introduce legislation to that effect.

The agreement guarantees freedom of transit for persons, vehicles and goods between Gibraltar and Spain.

The Spanish government in Madrid hailed the agreement and said it cleared the way for improved relations with Britain.

Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman, Fernando Schwartz, said relations between the two countries, often soured over Gibraltar, would improve as a result of the agreement.

Schwartz said Spain accepted that the sovereignty question could not be resolved overnight and was entirely ready to respect another clause in the agreement in which Britain

undertook to respect the wishes of the Gibraltarians.

Gibraltar, a rocky outcrop on the southern tip of the Iberian peninsula, has been in British hands since 1704, but Spain has always claimed sovereignty.

The border was due to be opened under a 1980 Lisbon agreement, but differences between the two countries over the British military campaign to recapture the Falkland Islands from Argentina upset the arrangements.

Iran budgets \$13b. for war with Iraq

TEHRAN (Reuters). — Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi yesterday presented to the majlis (parliament) a draft budget which earmarks nearly \$13 billion for direct and related expenditure on Iran's war with Iraq.

Mousavi told the majlis the total draft budget for the year starting next March 21, totalled 3,868.70 billion rials, (\$42.05b.), three billion rials (\$32.61m.) less than this year's final budget.

Mousavi, quoted by the national news agency IRNA, said "total priority" would be given to the war with Iraq, while emphasis would be put on boosting production, creating jobs and reducing annual inflation from about 13 per cent at present.

Soviet spending on defence to total \$23b. next year

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet parliament met yesterday to endorse a plan for modest economic growth and sharply increased military spending in 1985 after four years of officially unchanged defence budgets.

The appearance of Mikhail Gorbachev, a senior figure in the Communist Party leadership, seated close to President Chernenko at the session of the Supreme Soviet dampened speculation that he could have fallen into political disfavour.

Budget Minister Vasily Garbuzov revealed the only surprise at the session, which convenes briefly to give unanimous approval to the state plan and budget, when he said defence spending would rise by 12 per cent to 19.06 billion rubles (\$23 billion) in 1985.

Western diplomats said the rise, following four years of officially unchanged spending, was clearly a response to the deterioration in the East-West climate and in particular the Reagan administration's mounting defence budgets.

Western governments say the official Soviet military budget is a fraction of the real spending devoted to defence. The official figure now represents 4.9 per cent of the budget, while western estimates put the real level at around 15 per cent.

Garbuzov said the Soviet Union does not seek military superiority. "but it will not allow the military strategic equilibrium to be upset."

The legislature also heard that the country achieved 3.1 per cent growth in national income in 1984 and is aiming for 3.5 per cent growth in 1985.

National income is roughly equivalent to Gross National Product in the non-Communist world. Diplomats said the figures showed the economy is maintaining modest growth after stagnation in the late 1970s.

Defence Minister Dmitry Ustinov, 76, who has not appeared in public since September, was absent from yesterday's session. Informed Soviet sources have said he is seriously ill.

3 Somali hijackers surrender

ADDIS ABABA (Reuters). — Three Somali hijackers surrendered to Ethiopia and freed 108 hostages unharmed yesterday after receiving assurances that seven youths facing death sentences in Somalia would not be executed.

Ethiopian Foreign Minister Goshu Wolde said the hijackers gave themselves up on learning that the Somali government had agreed to their demand not to execute the seven who were suspected of links with Somali rebel groups.

The hijackers' leader, army captain Awil Aden Bouedhan, told reporters after surrendering that he and his two colleagues had asked for and been granted political asylum in Ethiopia.

Ethiopian officials said four Somali passengers had also asked for asylum and said their request was being studied.

The passengers were Somali nationals except for an Egyptian, three Yemenis, two Italians, an American and a UN official.

Bouedhan told reporters that he had diverted the plane to publicize the youths' plight.

He and two colleagues commandeered the aircraft at gunpoint on a flight from Mogadishu, the Somali capital, to Jeddah on Saturday to demand a reprieve for the seven and the freeing of 14 prominent political prisoners.

Bouedhan, explaining the aim of the hijack, said: "It was a question of dignity for us to fight the oppressive regime and to bring world attention to what is going on inside Somalia."

Goshu said that Somalia had also agreed to consider the release of the 14 prisoners including former government officials who were jailed in 1982 for plotting to overthrow President Mohammed Siad Barre.

Goshu accused Somalia of being unhelpful and said that "the ordeal could have ended long ago if the Somali government had shown some cooperation."

On Sunday, Somalia publicly rejected the hijackers' demands and said that to bow to them would only spread world terrorism.

Somalia invaded Ethiopia in 1977 in an unsuccessful bid to claim the disputed Ogaden region of southeast Ethiopia. It backs rebels fighting for the autonomy of the Ogaden and insurgents fighting Ethiopia in Eritrea and Tigray.

Warsaw (Reuters). — A long-time Communist Party member has been elected leader of Poland's new trade unions, but he vows not to be a puppet of the authorities, the official Polish news agency PAP said this week.

Alfred Miodowicz, 55, was chosen to head a national council and an executive committee which the unions set up last weekend at their first assembly since they replaced the outlawed solidarity movement under martial law in 1982.

A brief biography of Miodowicz, issued by PAP, said he was a member of the former Communist Polish Youth Union (ZMP) from 1948 to 1952 and had been the union's local chairman in the southern city of Krakow.

In 1948 he joined the old official trade union movement, which Solidarity swept aside, and in 1959 he became a member of the Polish United Workers Party, or Communist Party.

PAP quoted Miodowicz as saying at the union assembly on Sunday: "There is a worldwide opinion that the (new) Polish trade unions are submissive to the authorities. There will be no submission and we will see if the opinion is maintained."

Polish priest strangled to death, autopsy shows

WARSAW (AP). — The autopsy on the Rev. Jerzy Popieluszko concludes the pro-Solidarity priest was already dead from strangulation when he was thrown into the reservoir, Poland's government spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, Jerzy Urban, said Popieluszko had bruises on his body from a beating, but that "the autopsy documents will include such information that the bruises to the body did not cause death."

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Sports

Tennis tussle

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Tennis Centre may sever all its ties with the Israel Tennis Association if the ITA postpones the extraordinary general meeting scheduled for tomorrow to consider the Centre's request for a 20 per cent representation in the Association, plus full voting rights on all its administrative bodies. This development follows an urgent call on Sunday from the Hapoel Central Committee of the ITA to hold over consideration of the request until the ITA's regular general meeting next March.

Dr. Ian Froman, executive director of the self-governing Israel Tennis Centre, told me last night that it asked for adequate representation on the Association 18 months ago.

"Since then, for reasons of which I am not aware, there have been constant delays in arranging the special meeting to consider our application. After the ITA management committee had finally voted in September to take up the matter on Thursday, along came Hapoel to try to engineer yet another long delay."

Froman warned that, if there are any more hold-ups, "the Centre may decide to go it alone. He pointed out that, since its inception nine years ago, the ITC had helped the association financially and in overall promotion of the sport."

Association chairman David Harnik, a member of Hapoel's central committee, said that he was in favour of the ITC becoming a full affiliate of the Association, with voting rights. "This would be an excellent thing for the development of tennis in Israel. I was very surprised by Hapoel's efforts to hold up the meeting arranged last week to discuss the Centre's application."

Hapoel secretary-general Yitzhak Ofek, while stressing his great admiration for the work of the ITC, says that the issue of affiliation is not so pressing that it cannot wait until the spring.

On with the game

LONDON (Reuters). — England's cricket tour of India is to go ahead despite the shooting yesterday of Percy Norris, Britain's Deputy High Commissioner in Bombay.

Donald Carr, secretary of the English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) said here that, according to information received from the England party, the first test, which begins in Bombay today, and the rest of the tour, would continue.

Norris, a keen cricket fan, hosted a reception for the England players at his residence on Monday night.

In Hyderabad, the second cricket Test between Pakistan and New Zealand is set for an exciting finish after an absorbing day's play today produced 15 wickets, 11 of them to the spinners. Javed Miandad completed his 12th test century.

New Zealand lead by a modest 195 runs with two second innings wickets intact, but the wicket is taking an increasing amount of spin and the touring team must be hopeful of squaring the three-match series.

Their trump card could be left-arm spinner Stephen Boock, who had career best figures of seven for 87 as Pakistan were bowled out for 230 to trail by 37 on the first innings.

When New Zealand batted a second time, six of the eight wickets went to the spin of Iqbal Qasim and Abdul Qadir. The touring team ended the third day on 158 for eight.

Scores: N.Z. 267 and 158; Pakistan 238.

Replays

GLASGOW (AP). — The European Cup-Winner's Cup second round leg soccer match between Celtic and Rapid Vienna, which was ordered replayed because of crowd trouble, will be played at Waverley United's stadium on Dec. 12, the Scottish Football Association has announced.

English FA Cup replay: Swindon 1, Dagenham 2.

Australian Open

The only surprise on the first day of the Australian Open was the defeat of Steve Denton, by Australian qualifier Peter Fajol 6-3, 6-3, 7-5. Paul McNamee, struggling with injuries lost 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to Brad Drewett. Shontek Glickstein and Shahr Peris have not yet played.

No problem

NEW YORK (AP). — Cleveland guard Johnny Davis said he wasn't worried when the Cavaliers lost 4-16-point lead by allowing 17 straight points in the fourth quarter. "I don't mind pressure. It doesn't bother me," said Davis, who scored 20 points and helped rally the Cavaliers to only their second National Basketball Association victory in 14 games, a 118-111 decision over Atlanta.

"Pressure is not being able to do something about it, like a guy who doesn't have a job but has a family to feed. That's pressure, and basketball's not anything like that."

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Windows on the world

JEWISH SCENE
Geoffrey Wigoder

THE COMPLAINT is frequently voiced that Israelis know little about what is happening in the Diaspora. Two regular bulletins, published in Hebrew, are helping to fill this gap. One is the monthly *Batefustor*, issued by the Israel office of the World Jewish Congress; the other, concentrating on U.S. Jewry, comes from the Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations in the Israel office of the American Jewish Committee. Here is a random selection of items from recent issues.

Although many Jews are benefiting from the general prosperity in the U.S., those at the other end of the ladder have been badly hit and it is estimated that 15-18 per cent of U.S. Jewry are in difficult economic circumstances. The number of Jewish unemployed has risen, especially hit being the over-40s and women. White-collar and professional workers have suffered from cuts and dismissals in both the private and public sectors. One result has been a drop in synagogue membership and affiliation to other community organizations.

The Moscow authorities claim that the Jewish cemeteries are full and there is a shortage of space for Jewish funerals. As a result, the bodies of even religious Jews often have to be cremated, although this conflicts with traditional Jewish practice. On the other hand, there is no obstacle to the burial of Moslems living in Moscow.

A project for collecting Yiddish books in North America has resulted in the gathering of 250,000 volumes, and they are coming in at the rate of 2,000 a week.

The initiative came from a Jewish student at McGill University, Montreal, who noticed that whereas university libraries lacked Yiddish books, many were being thrown away in homes where grandparents had died and their descendants could not even read them. Now, a large building has been purchased at Holyoke, Mass., which will serve as a central repository for Yiddish books.

A lady violinist in the Lithuanian Philharmonic Orchestra and a woman veterinary surgeon are leading the fight for the reopening of the mikve in Vilna. Together with other Jewish women of the city, they have addressed a petition to the authorities to make available the ritual bath which has been closed since World War II. All that is needed is to connect the water.

All these signs, some of the women who signed the petition have undertaken the 12-hour journey to Moscow to go to the mikve.

A comparative study of Jewish and non-Jewish students in the U.S. shows that the Jewish students begin their university studies earlier, go to more universities further from their homes, and come from a more prosperous background. They have greater academic ambitions, are more involved in cultural and literary activities, are more liberal in their outlook, and have a greater self-estimation.

However, their liberal views on matters such as divorce and abortion did not extend to college admission policies. Fewer of the Jewish students were married or expressed an intention to raise families.

Controversy was engendered in the State of New York by a Conservative rabbi who organized a ceremony for the children of his community to give their dolls Jewish names. He invited the children and their parents to a special Friday evening service for this purpose. His objective was to encourage a consciousness of Jewish names among the children, each of whom received a certificate registering a new name for his or her doll.

Among the critical voices, one Orthodox rabbi asked if the next step would be Jewish weddings, complete with *huppah*, or dolls, or funerals and *kaddish* for those dolls that have met their end.

One of the main public libraries in Moscow held an exhibition to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of Sholem Aleichem. Books in Yiddish and Russian were displayed together with pictures and documents.

Also in Moscow, publication has been announced of a Russian-Yiddish dictionary, first scheduled to appear 35 years ago. Work was begun in 1946, but most of the original editorial staff were killed or exiled. The work was resumed in the post-Stalin era, but has only now been completed.

Computerized information on every *Sefer Torah* in the world is being prepared after three years' planning by chemists, calligraphy experts, computer scientists and security officers. The project is centralized in the U.S., and in the first stage, each Scroll of the Law in Israel, the U.S. and Canada will receive a code number and an identification document.

The object is to put an end to the theft and sale of stolen scrolls. At present, owners of stolen scrolls are unable to identify them if they are recovered by the police.

A research project in the U.S. has shown that the great majority of children of mixed marriages grow up in an atmosphere virtually devoid of any Jewish content. There are some 630,000 such children in the U.S.

A BALD two-metre-tall rock singer heading a suddenly popular Green Party is the only cloud on Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke's horizon. In the general election this Saturday, Hawke's Australian Labour Party (ALP) seems certain to hold, even expand, its 20-seat majority in the House of Representatives.

First elected in March 1983, Hawke has enjoyed an astonishing approval rating of around 70 per cent for the last 12 months, according to Morgan Gallup, Australia's premier poll. In the constituency-based House of Representatives, Morgan Gallup has for several months shown Bob Hawke holding his 1983 winning margin and the latest poll gives Labour 54.5 per cent of the vote, with the conservative Liberal National Party receiving 45.5 per cent.

Two of the most marginal seats in Australia - Phillip in New South Wales and Goldstein in Victoria - have substantial numbers of Jewish voters. Given the popularity of Hawke and his party, this would mean that Janette McHugh (ALP) would hold her seat within the heavily Jewish suburb of Bondi in her Sydney electorate of Phillip; and incumbent Liberal Ian McPhee, who has a margin of only 3.2 per cent, might lose in the Goldstein seat (named after an early Australian part-Jewish suffragette), which includes Melbourne's "borscht belt" of Caulfield/Elsternwick.

BUT THE SUDDEN emergence of the Nuclear Disarmament Party (NDP), led by 31-year-old pop musician Peter Garrett, is souring Hawke's chances of controlling the senate. Garrett's fledgling NDP has cut deeply into Labour's support in the proportionally elected Upper House, the ALP registering 45 per cent support, with the NDP taking almost 5 per cent directly from Hawke's party. The centrist Democrats, led by pro-Israel Senator Don Chipp, hold their 8 per cent and the opposition coalition 40 per cent.

Ironically, although like U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Hawke has great personal popularity, his electoral coat-tails are not stretching into the senate race. Hawke's high standing has been helped by an Australian economic growth of 6 per cent, falling inflation, now around 7.5 per cent and a low level of strikes and declining interest rates. Both good fortune and good management have provided this positive economic climate for Australia's population of 15 million.

Almost as Hawke was elected in 1983, rains broke rural drought, boosting agricultural production and exports. Industrial disputes and "wage-push" inflation have sunk, with the implementation of a social contract called the Accord. Hawke convinced the national trade union federation (Actup), which he used to head, to accept and help enforce a freeze on real wages in return for a tax cut.

It is Hawke's international trade union experience, where he earned a reputation as an indefatigable friend of Israel, that has boosted Australia's image abroad. However, as prime minister, Hawke has adopted an understandably lower profile with Israel and Jewish causes. At his traditional brunch, the weekend preceding the Australian election, his Jewish friends will reflect with satisfaction on the Australian Labour record on Middle East issues.

CANBERRA adamantly refuses to recognize the PLO until it recognizes Israel, and as proof of its good faith, Australia refuses entry to PLO agents.

In the last six months, Hawke has barred the entry of Faris Glubb, the son of Jordan's former British generalissimo, Glubb Pasha. Australia, Canada and the U.S. vote for Israel at the UN and other international organizations, in contrast to the weak stance taken by the West European democracies.

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High-flying Hawke

By MICHAEL DANBY / Special to The Jerusalem Post

cludes Melbourne's "borscht belt" of Caulfield/Elsternwick.

BUT THE SUDDEN emergence of the Nuclear Disarmament Party (NDP), led by 31-year-old pop musician Peter Garrett, is souring Hawke's chances of controlling the senate. Garrett's fledgling NDP has cut deeply into Labour's support in the proportionally elected Upper House, the ALP registering 45 per cent support, with the NDP taking almost 5 per cent directly from Hawke's party. The centrist Democrats, led by pro-Israel Senator Don Chipp, hold their 8 per cent and the opposition coalition 40 per cent.

Ironically, although like U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Hawke has great personal popularity, his electoral coat-tails are not stretching into the senate race. Hawke's high standing has been helped by an Australian economic growth of 6 per

cent, falling inflation, now around 7.5 per cent and a low level of strikes and declining interest rates. Both good fortune and good management have provided this positive economic climate for Australia's population of 15 million.

Almost as Hawke was elected in 1983, rains broke rural drought, boosting agricultural production and exports. Industrial disputes and "wage-push" inflation have sunk, with the implementation of a social contract called the Accord. Hawke convinced the national trade union federation (Actup), which he used to head, to accept and help enforce a freeze on real wages in return for a tax cut.

It is Hawke's international trade union experience, where he earned a reputation as an indefatigable friend of Israel, that has boosted Australia's image abroad. However, as prime minister, Hawke has adopted

an understandably lower profile with Israel and Jewish causes. At his traditional brunch, the weekend preceding the Australian election, his Jewish friends will reflect with satisfaction on the Australian Labour record on Middle East issues.

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make some television comments aimed at eliciting support from NDP voters. Peacock attacked the prime minister, "who 10 years ago advocated dropping an atom bomb on the Arabs."

The flirtation of elements of the Rural National Party with the anti-Semitic League of Rights, together with some revived support for a racially based emigration policy, has attracted some Jewish concern. Hawke was firmly opposed to suggestions of a renewed "white Australia," forcing political opposition to retreat from such proposals.

HAWKE'S MAIN problem may come after re-election. Australia's new cultural assertiveness, symbolized by its internationally recognized film industry, may not be matched by a confident Australian role in international affairs. Hawke is by inclination an internationalist, a social democrat who sees Australia as part of the western alliance. But political commentator Frank Knopfmacher has warned of the "New Zealandisation" of Australia against the background of the current success of the Nuclear Disarmament Party. New Zealand's Labour government has adopted an isolationist, anti-U.S. stance which is being used as a focus for neutralist sentiment in Australia. New Zealand has no diplomatic representation in Israel. Neutralist sentiment is focused on

the Anzans, the Australia-U.S.-New Zealand alliance. Targets of neutralist agitation include joint U.S./Australian surveillance facilities, U.S. aircraft landing rights at Darwin for B52s, which form part of a "west about route" for Israel air supply during wartime as an alternative to the quicker, but problematic European route, is also opposed by the unilateralist left.

The NDP and left elements in the ALP vehemently oppose, despite the support of the prime minister and public opinion, the use of the West Australian port of Perth for rest and recreation for the U.S. fleet in the Indian Ocean. Arab refusal to provide facilities for the U.S. Navy or rapid-deployment force in the Middle East region mean that U.S. forces must wait "over the horizon" at the strategic island of Diego Garcia.

If elements in Australian public opinion and in the Labour Party are able to override Hawke and bar the Americans from Perth, it would be difficult to sustain an effective U.S. military presence near the strategic Gulf oil zone.

Australia, just entering an optimistic summer and with apparently rosy economic prospects according to the OECD, has, however, a leader in Bob Hawke, who has thus far managed to handle such problems.

The writer is editor of the Australian-Israeli Review.

Explosion in Jewish studies

By ILAN CHAIM / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Moshe Davis... "We dare not run away."

WHAT MIGHT a student at the University of Iceland have in common with a student at the Australian National University, at the University of Warsaw, at the University of Cape Town and at the University of North Dakota? The opportunity to study Hebrew language and literature, and Jewish history, religion and culture.

As of July, students at 824 colleges and universities in 30 countries were enrolled in courses on some aspect of Jewish studies, a number that has been constantly growing over the past 20 years. In the U.S., the country with the largest Jewish population, such programmes are offered at 610 institutions of higher learning, up from 40 in 1965.

Behind this startling growth is a high-level effort by Jewish educators in Israel and abroad to stem the mounting assimilation of Jewish youth on campus, and the growing recognition by scholars everywhere of the intrinsic value of Jewish studies as a vital component of world civilization.

The effort began, fittingly enough, in Jerusalem, under the inspiration of Prof. Moshe Davis, retired founder of the Hebrew University's Institute for the Study of Contemporary Jewry. During the presidency of Ephraim Katzir, Davis brought together the varied resources of the Joint Programme for Jewish Education of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, plus the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, to form the International Centre for University

Teaching of Jewish Civilization. Due to Katzir's deep interest in the centre's work, the ICUTC was brought under the formal sponsorship of the Office of the President of Israel, where it has continued under his successors, Yitzhak Navon and Chaim Herzog. In a recent message to the centre, Herzog stated that its work is of "fundamental significance for the Jewish future."

The reason, as explained by the president: "That Jewish college and university youth are perilously exposed to assimilatory tendencies is axiomatic; hence the vital importance of the educational antidote with which the centre concerns itself."

IN A RECENT interview, centre chairman Davis spoke of the urgent need for creating opportunities for "reidentification" by Jewish youth on campus. "Most of our young have not really left us, even though they may be in varying stages of separation or gradual withdrawal from the Jewish community," Davis said. "They have not repudiated Jews and Judaism; rather they have attenuated their identity with the Jewish community by not being a part of it."

The university environment offers a unique "second chance" for the hundreds of thousands of Jewish youths who were deprived of Jewish education, either "by parental design or of their own volition." The challenge, says Davis, "is to relate Jewish consciousness to advanced national and universal currents of contemporary thought. We dare not run away from the encounter."

By its very definition, notes Davis, "the university stands committed to the intellectual continuum." Youth who feel they are Jews in a sociological sense, but who lack grounding in basic Jewish content, may be attracted to Jewish learning if it is generally available. "If Jewish subjects are taught as part of the general curriculum, our youth need not be 'invisible citizens' on the campus", maintains Davis. "The university can thus become an arena for self-discovery and self-improvement as Jews."

While this explains the motivation of Jewish educators for encouraging such studies, is there not tension between the university's goals of scholarship and the Jewish student's goals of identification and scholarship?

"Not at all," says Davis, quoting Edmund Wilson's essay on "The Need for Jewish Studies," in which the late day of American letters outlined a two-year course in Judaism for his "ideal university". "These courses should be taught by a Jew. Few non-Jews would be competent to teach it, and these are likely to be top scholars, occupied with special research. Jewish subjects, I have noticed, besides, have a way of becoming denatured when they pass through non-Jewish hands. Let the student be exposed to a Jewish scholar, expounding without inhibition, the traditions and the point of view of his own so important people."

IN JERUSALEM, the ICUTC has been working to propagate Jewish studies abroad by conducting annual workshops for educators in the field - Jewish and non-Jewish - to pinpoint specific problems and to develop instructional material. In previous years, the participants discussed theoretical and pedagogical issues. Last July, several dozen participants from 11 countries prepared experimental courses to be taught during the 1984-85 academic year. The results of the experimental courses are to be presented next summer in Jerusalem, at the Ninth Congress of Jewish Studies.

In the meantime, if you were a student at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo, Brazil, you could be taking Prof. Ze'ev Fulk's course on "Talmudic Law between Bible and Rabbinics" or at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, Dr. David Bankier's course in "The National and Universal History of the Jewish Village" or at Princeton University in New Jersey, Prof. M. R. Cohen's course on "The Jews under Medieval Islam" or at the Pontificia Universitas Lateranensis in Rome, P. Colletta's "Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures." By far the most popular Jewish studies course at any of the 824 institutions of higher learning is modern Hebrew.

Davis estimates that within 15 or 20 years Jewish studies on the university level will rank with the foremost subjects taught anywhere. This will happen, Davis believes, because "It is inconceivable today for any university of standing not to have courses in Jewish civilization. Intellectual integrity and the pursuit of knowledge require such study as an integral part of world civilization."

Sausage king

By HAIM SHAPIRO / Jerusalem Post Reporter

petes with the others on an equal footing.

In fact, he adds, his shop attracts quite a few non-Jews, who buy from him solely because of the purity of his product. Many of his employees, who are non-Jewish butchers, tell him they can no longer eat non-kosher meat.

Not content with just inheriting the family business, Hess first learned in his father's shop and received the Swiss butcher's certi-

ficate. Then he went on to study at the famed international hotel school in Lausanne and at the Cornell school of hotel management in the U.S.

For Hess, making a good sausage is not a trick or a knack, but having enough know-how to realize what chemical reactions will take place in the meat. Often, he notes, the process involves long aging, a difficult and even dangerous procedure for the amateur.

HESS IS NOT very complimentary about his Israeli colleagues. "Jews tend to think that if someone makes money doing something, they can do it too," he says.

Ironically, he notes, there have been complaints to the Swiss rabbinate, not on the part of observant Jews, but from the less religious, who have tasted non-kosher sausage and claim that Hess's product cannot possibly be beef or veal. The rabbis also objected to the name of his "kosher veal ham" but they finally agreed that that was the only name that could describe the product.

As for Israel, he says that with the local meat it would be possible to make a superior sausage, if those who are in the business knew what they were doing. There are those who visit sausage-makers abroad, he admits, but they don't stay long

enough to fully learn the trade. If, indeed, he were to open a business in Israel, he says, it would only be with trained non-Jewish sausage makers from Switzerland or Germany. Eventually, the Israelis would learn the art.

Meanwhile, though he came

equipped with a beautiful book in German and a brochure in French, both of which have magnificent pictures of his sausages, Hess had no samples of his products, which are sold only in Switzerland. All one can do is let one's mouth water in frustration.

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INAUGURATION CONCERT
on the
Enlarged Schuke Organ in
the Redeemer Church
Elisabeth Roloff
plays works by Purcell, Clerambault, Franck, Alain, Mendelssohn, Bach
Tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 29, 1984 at 8.30 p.m.
Redeemer Church, Old City
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EDUCATIONAL:
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Some results
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Situation
18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Agriculture Today
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Some of my Best Friends are Veterans - nature film
20.30 Jewish Forum - on the rabbinical law courts
21.00 Mabul Newsweek
21.30 Moked
22.05 They Call Me Mr. Tibbs - Sidney Poitier plays a black detective investigating the murder of a girl
23.00 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (TV) 19.30 The Incredible 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Three's Company 21.10 The Romantic Spirit 22.00 News in English 22.15 V
MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
15.00 Inside 15.30 Another Hour 14.00 700 Club 14.30 Shaps-up 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Super Book 18.00 Bonanza 19.00 Trapper John 20.00 Another Life 20.30 News 21.00 Mork & Mindy 21.30 Father Murphy 22.30 Cagney & Lacey 23.00 700 Club 24.00 News Update 30.30 Eveitide

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music
6.02 Musical Clock
7.07 Mozart: Idomeneus Overture; Beethoven: Violin Concerto (Moscow Rec.)

13.30 News in French
14.06 Children's programmes
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Programme for Senior Citizens
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Everman's University
18.06 Afternoon Classics
18.47 Guided tour in English
19.05 Lesson in Halacha
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 A Friend from the Same Planet

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning - news magazine
8.05 Safe Journey
9.05 House Call - with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network - morning magazine
12.10 Open Line - news and music
13.00 Midday - news commentary, music
14.06 Masters of Interest - with Gili Gazit
15.05 Magic Moments - favourite old songs
16.10 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures
18.06 New Faces in the Knesset
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today - radio newscast
19.30 The Jewish People
20.05 Folklore Magazine
21.15 Song for the Road
22.05 Stage and Screen
23.05 Night Games

First Programme

6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9.30 Encounter - live family and social affairs magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.05 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all

21.30 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Interview with Yoram Glikson of Netan (repeat)
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MUSEUMS
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Euroteam: 1966/67 mitun was ultimately beneficial Recession only way to cure economy

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A recession is a "necessary evil" if Israel really wants to reverse inflation and reduce its trade deficit sharply.

This is the conclusion reached by Euroteam, after a study of the present situation, a comparison with the recession here in 1966 and 1967, and comparative studies of what has happened abroad.

The study was drawn up by Dr. Manfred Gerstenfeld and Ilan Barzel, heads of the Euroteam, a financial consulting firm, and by Yonatan Kellerman, of the firm.

The report notes that the recession of 1966 and 1967, despite the hardships imposed on many persons, was beneficial for the country as a whole. After it had run its course, both these persons and the country as a whole were on a much better footing.

During that recession almost 20 years ago, the trade deficit shrank by 40 per cent over two years. While the deficit was \$408 million in 1965, it dropped to \$340m. the following year and was down to only \$240m. in 1967. As for inflation, the drop was even more dramatic, it was down by

80 per cent in these two years. But the "impact" of what happened then makes little "impact" today, for the inflationary spiral then dropped from 8 per cent to only 1.6 per cent.

As for the present situation, the report says that 15,000 persons in the public sector will have to be discharged. The term public sector is used in its broadest sense, so as to include not only the government civil service, but also municipalities, local authorities and public bodies.

Moreover, the sharp cuts in the security budget will cause an additional 20,000 persons to lose their jobs. A considerable portion of those will be sub-contractors who work mainly for the security forces.

Thus, in all some 35,000 persons will be thrown out of work. But this fails to tell the entire story, for during the coming year at least 35,000 persons will come on the labour market, making together with the dismissed a total of 70,000. And to these must be added the approximately 40,000 persons who today are out of work and are willing and able to work. Thus, the total will be more than 100,000. However some of those now working will retire and go out on pension, thus

reducing the overall figure.

Parallel with rising unemployment, there will be - if the past is any indication of the future - an increase in savings, which can later be used for investments. Moreover, widespread unemployment will lead to a drop in consumer spending, and this will also increase unemployment in the industrial sector which will produce less. And this will consequently lead to a drop (about 35 per cent in 1966 and 1967) in business investments.

On the bright side, there will be a steady rise in exports, not only to move goods which cannot be sold locally, but also because workers will be paid less, making Israeli products more competitive abroad. But many industrial workers will manage to overcome their lower salaries by working overtime or working second and third shifts. At present, few workers are willing to do this, or even to find ways to step up their output because of their "unequal partnership with the government, which takes two-thirds of their extra income in taxes."

The more competitive position of Israeli industrial and agricultural products abroad will lead to investments gradually being funnelled into export-oriented undertakings. Gradually, the recession will ease up.

"But this can take two or three years."

The entire "jobless scenario" during the recession, the report says, can be avoided, if two steps are taken. But none of the authors of the study think that it will be possible to take these two steps.

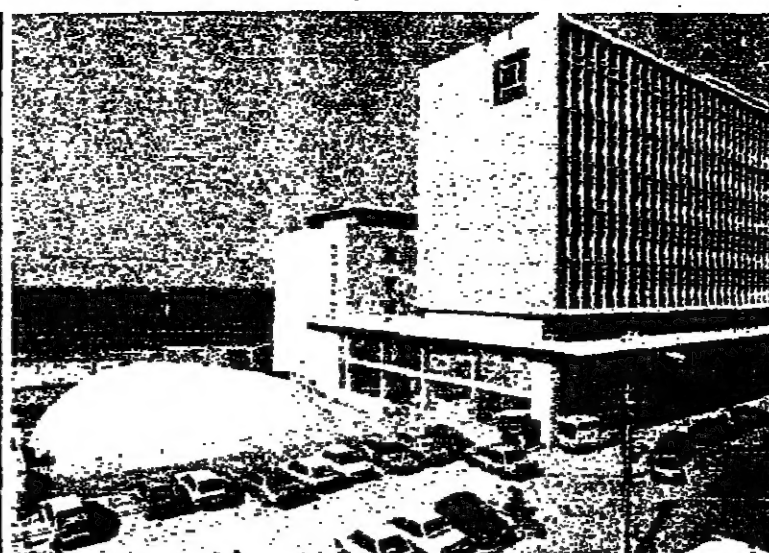
The first step is to lower all salaries in the public sector, while inducing the workers to put in the same number of hours, or even more hours to replace those who retire, during this period. Thus, expenditures for salaries will drop in real terms.

Second, if tax ceilings for industrial workers are lowered "to a reasonable 25 or 30 per cent," there should be an inflow of workers from the public sector to industry - which should be expanding its manpower.

However, the report concludes, it is doubtful that the income tax ceiling can be lowered in one sector of the economy, because all other sectors would immediately demand the same cut, thus robbing it of its effect.

Chase lowers its prime rate

NEW YORK (Reuters). - Chase Manhattan bank yesterday lowered its prime lending rate to 11 1/4 per cent, a quarter of a point below the level set Monday by several other big U.S. banks in response to the slowdown in the American economy.



The Tel Aviv Dan Hotel has turned its open-air swimming pool into a year-round, winter-proof facility by covering it with an air-inflated protective bubble.

Volkswagen stages recovery buoyed by U.S. demand

WOLFSBURG (Reuters). - Volkswagen West Germany's biggest carmaker, cut its losses by DM200 million (\$66m.) in the first nine months of 1984 in a dramatic recovery buoyed by exports to the United States.

This was despite a seven-week labour dispute that shut down the country's automobile industry in May and June this year.

The firm's interim report said sales to the U.S. rose by a quarter, following the introduction of its new Golf subcompact and Jetta compact saloon cars and aided by the strong dollar.

Record W. German exports in October

BONN (Reuters). - Booming exports gave West Germany a record trade surplus last month, fuelling optimism about the prospects for Europe's most powerful economy.

Official figures issued yesterday showed the October trade surplus at a provisional DM8.8 billion (\$2.9 billion). The previous record was a DM6.4b. (\$2.1b.) surplus posted in December 1982.

Exports totalled DM47.9b. (\$15.7b.) in October, an upsurge of 18 per cent from September and a full 27 per cent higher than in October last year.

Japan starts int'l electronic mail

TOKYO (AP). - In an effort to speed delivery of international mail dramatically, Japanese post offices yesterday began a new international mail service using electronic facsimile.

The new system is intended to move a letter from Japan to an office or home overseas within a day. Air

mail normally takes four to five days, said an official of the Posts and Telecommunications Ministry, who asked not to be named.

"Electronic" mail now is accepted for the U.S., Britain, West Germany, Australia, France, the Netherlands and Hongkong.

Under the system, a letter is first transmitted by facsimile to a post office equipped with a receiver in the destination country and then delivered express to a home or an office through local post offices.

It costs 2,200 yen (\$9) to send a two-page magazine-size letter from Japan to the U.S. or Australia. Additional pages can be mailed at a rate of 900 yen (\$3.67) a page.

Released soldiers, pupils urged to pick citrus

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Unemployed demobilized soldiers are being offered a special incentive to harvest citrus - a 50 per cent bonus above the unemployment compensation they receive, to be paid in addition to their salaries as citrus workers. The bonus will be IS40,000 a month.

The Employment Service, in cooperation with the Education Ministry, is also encouraging high-school pupils to work 10-day stints during the harvest.

About 15,000 temporary workers are needed for the coming harvest, in addition to the 7,000 permanent workers in the branch, the State Employment Service announced yesterday.

Agricultural tourism

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first conference on agricultural tourism to Israel opened yesterday at Moshav Shoshan in the Jerusalem Corridor with about 100 participants from 12 countries.

Those attending include travel agents, journalists specializing in agriculture, and heads of agricultural organizations. During the nine-day meeting they will tour facilities demonstrating computerized irrigation and plant cloning. The visitors will also tour regional agricultural centres and farms in the Arab sector.

Sales campaign reaches climax Bank Hapoalim sparks fresh savings scheme scramble

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The current campaign of granting large savings scheme bonuses is reaching a crescendo today and tomorrow as the banks tussle with each other to attract customers to deposit their money in one of the new or improved schemes.

Bank Hapoalim had the idea to go to the Treasury and obtain an extension to the bonus-period in dollar-linked schemes, which was due to terminate today. The bank's request to extend the bonus - which linked all deposits made during the campaign period to the representative rate of the dollar on November 7 - until Friday, November 30, found only a partial response. The Treasury only agreed to a one-day extension - until tomorrow.

Normally, dollar-linked schemes are linked to a rate of one week earlier. The current campaign saw this period extended, first to two and then to three weeks (pioneered by the First International Bank). The extra two weeks "given" to the saver were being funded 50:50 by the banks and the Treasury.

This holds true for the most popular dollar-linked schemes, which are multi-year programmes with a single redemption date.

A more recent scheme, which offers monthly dollar-linked income and runs for five years - while the regular schemes offer flexibility over 3-8 years - is only giving two weeks of backdated "devaluation," rather than three. However, the banks have increased the monthly income on this scheme.

The whole campaign is reported to be an enormous success by the banks, possibly rivaling their achievements in the September campaign, in which very large sums were deposited. Most often the final days of these campaigns are the most hectic, and therefore no final assessments will be possible until the "take" from today and tomorrow is counted.

Hapoalim's initiative brought a swift response from its rivals. Not only was it matched in its extension of the campaign until Thursday, but the stakes were raised and raised again.

Discount announced that its branches would stay open until 8 p.m. on Thursday - two hours longer than usual - in order to facilitate customers with last-minute orders and deposits.

Leumi trumped even this by obtaining its staff committee's agreement to open on Wednesday afternoon (today) from 4 until 7, solely for the purpose of receiving saving scheme deposits. Banks are not usually open on Wednesday afternoons. This is in addition to meeting Discount's late-opening-on-Thursday bid, by itself staying open until 8 p.m.

Further bids are still possible. However, the whole game has now degenerated into publicity gimmickry and one-upmanship.

Past experience has shown that remaining open late has little, if any, impact on the total amounts deposited. As against that, the effort forces the bank to pay large sums in overtime and advertising - and this on schemes offered at give-away terms. All this leaves wafer-thin profit margins - at a time when the banks are claiming that overtime and advertising on their expense sheets have been "ruthlessly" pared.

In the banks, as elsewhere, it appears that old habits die hard.



Bathers enjoying a drink while floating comfortably in the warm waters of the Dead Sea.

Ads on French buses to lure tourists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Photographs of Jerusalem and of the Dead Sea have appeared on the sides of 4,500 buses in Paris.

The photographs are part of a campaign by the Israel Tourism Ministry to promote visits here by French tourists. The bus poster campaign in the French capital follows a pilot project in Marseilles, where 660 buses are bearing pictures of

Israel.

The main caption on the Jerusalem photographs is "I felt I was dreaming." The Dead Sea pictures bear the slogan, "I felt like dancing."

Similar promotional material is to appear in the French press. The public relations campaign follows a relative slump this year in the number of French tourists visiting Israel.

Nervous Norway considers cutting oil price

OSLO (Reuters). - Norway is studying ways of reducing its crude oil price but is anxious to avoid a repetition of the turmoil in world markets caused by its cuts last month, sources in Statoil, the state-owned oil company, said yesterday.

Statoil will meet this week to discuss the December price for its North Sea crude, aware that world

markets are sliding and the smallest price cut could have a chain reaction, company sources said.

Last month Norway, under pressure from customers who saw low rates on the spot or free market, reduced the price of its main Ekofisk crude by \$1.45 a barrel, setting off cuts by Britain and Opec member Nigeria.

Israel Bonds 'Operation Maccabi 84'

Thirty prominent industrialists and senior IDF officers are leaving on December 10 for a 10-day Israel Bonds "Operation Maccabi '84" in the U.S. and Canada.

Haim Yaron, chairman of the board of Cyclone Products, will lead the delegation.

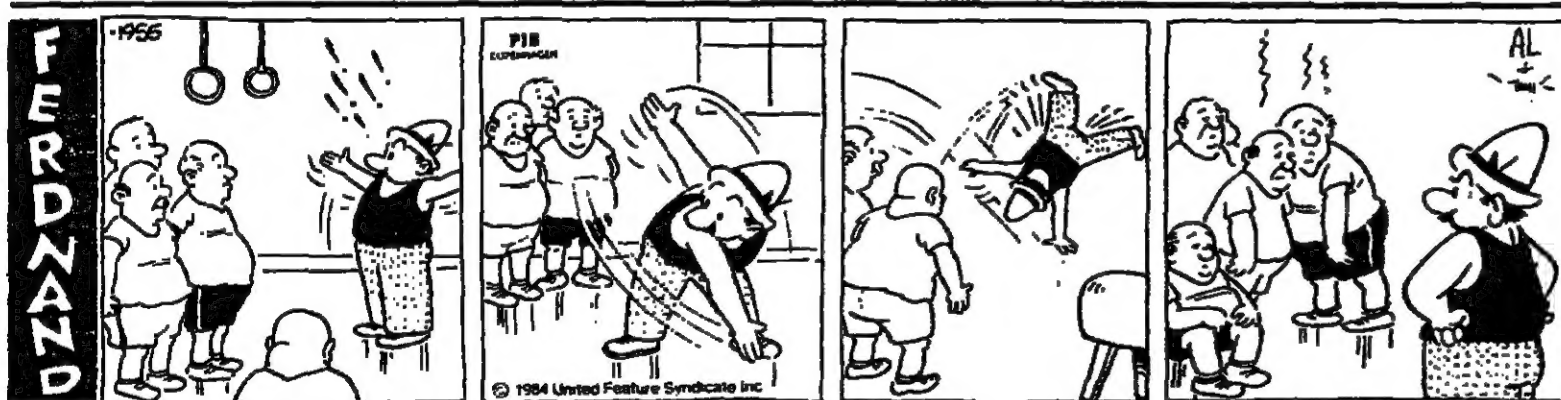
The Israelis are to meet with leading supporters of Israel to discuss Israel's current economic difficulties and action being taken to return the economy to an even keel.

Maccabee '84 teams are also scheduled to meet with non-Jewish business and labour leaders.

Vice-Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Finance Minister Yitzhak Mordechai are to address the group today. The Bonds organization has announced.

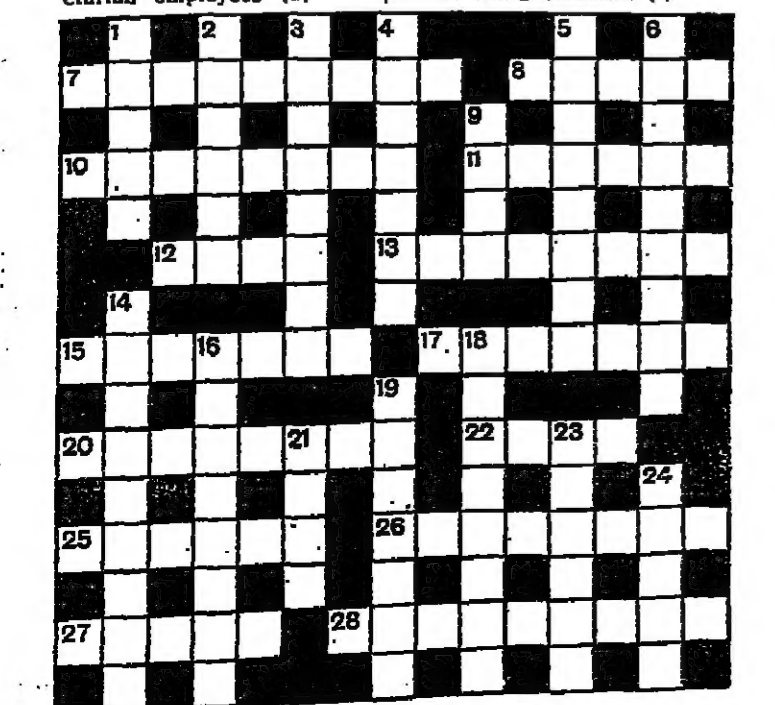
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ECUADOR. - Negotiations will start this week on offers to explore for oil in Ecuador's Amazon region and offshore, which Exxon-Hispanoil and Belco, respectively, want to develop.



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Andin shares in new 'short' scandal

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — For the second time in three months, the shares of the Andin jewelry firm are at the centre of a stock exchange inquiry. This time, however, the answers will be given in open court, and the issues raised should receive a full and public hearing.

Yesterday, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Hanna Eynon heard the charges of Shmuel Rosenblum, an investment manager, that an illegal "short" position existed in Andin 155 shares, and that the stock exchange management should be obliged to investigate it.

"Short" sales are sales of traded securities by persons who do not actually own them. In the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange such sales are only

legal if the seller has a document proving he borrowed the securities he sold from a legitimate owner, or if he has a "long" or ownership position in an offsetting security, such as a warrant or convertible bond. Neither of these conditions are pertinent to the Andin case.

Rosenblum presented the court with documents and affidavits proving that there were more Andin 155 shares available for trading than had actually been issued. If that is the case, there can be no question that some person or persons are in a "short" position, which cancels out the "extra" shares that ought not to exist.

The breakdown of Andin 155 shares ownership, in so far as it is known, is as follows. Members of the Azriel family, who own and man-

age the company, hold 27 million shares, out of the 41.337m. of this class that were issued or created by option conversion earlier this year. A Clal subsidiary holds 3m. more. That leaves 11.337m. available for trading, since the owners and other boardmembers' shares are restricted and any change in their holdings must be reported to the exchange. No such report has been filed.

Rosenblum's documentation showed that he has proxy rights over 45 per cent of this residue, or 5 million shares, on behalf of investors whom he represents. His affidavit claimed that he knew the whereabouts of further quantities of share holdings that took the total beyond the 6.337m. shares left unaccounted for.

On this basis, he petitioned the court to order the Stock Exchange management to halt trading in Andin shares, pending a clarification of his claim that a large, illegal and unreported "short" position was in existence.

Rosenblum was represented by Dr. Yosef Segal, and a long and involved legal wrangle developed between the latter and the Stock Exchange management's counsel, Yehoshua Weiser. Also in court was exchange general manager Yossi Nitzani, who counter-argued that Rosenblum's motives in bringing the case to court were "not pure."

In the event, the judge upheld only the second claim, that the exchange should investigate whether there is a "short" position. A decision on the other demand, that trading be halted, will be given tomorrow, presumably after the exchange management has reported its findings.

In a preliminary announcement yesterday, the exchange announced that its investigation had so far failed to turn up any evidence to support Rosenblum's charges. It noted, however, that the investigation would continue.

Stock market observers consider this extremely strange. Anyone acquainted with the internal workings of the Stock Exchange is aware that the relevant figures are easily obtainable. Thus the claim that the complaint filed has been found groundless so far, but that action might follow if a further investigation turns up some evidence, seems to be inherently contradictory. If there is anything to find, it should have been found by now. If there is nothing, why not say so? If, on the other hand, there are irregularities — and the courtroom discussion seemed to indicate that the book-keeping was not perfect at either the exchange, or at Bank Mizrahi if not at other members as well — then why is the exchange trying to cover up?

Exchange spokesmen had no response to these questions yesterday or, like Nitzani, were unavailable for comment.

Bank shares lower in mixed market

TEL AVIV. — A number of new features came to the fore in yesterday's trading, after several days of rises in all sectors.

Shares turned much more mixed than on the first two sessions this week, with bank shares in the "arrangement" sector showing declines of several per cent. "Free" shares were more positive, but less than on earlier days.

The volume in the share market yesterday was 151.14 billion, a decline from the 151.36b. level of the previous day. The share of the "arrangement" group fell to exactly half. Industrial shares showed fairly great activity — all relative to recent very poor levels, of course — as did investment companies.

Nevertheless, most of the key shares were unchanged to weaker. Thus Tefahot, Clal Industries, IDB Development and Discount Investments were all unchanged, while Hanesheh, Property and Building, Elite and Spectronics lost ground.

In the bank share sector almost every single issue fell in price. In the background the dollar rose by over half a per cent, rubbing salt in the wounds of the losers by stressing the added dimension of inflationary erosion, in addition to trading losses.

Bonds maintained a generally positive front, though the pattern was more mixed here, as well. Overall, the bond index put on another one per cent, in volume that fell by

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one third, compared to Monday, reaching exactly 151.25 billion.

Announcements:
Gabelet announced that MK Micha Harish was appointed to the company's board on November 22, as a "public representative."

Clal announced that an agreement in principle has been reached with Bank Mizrahi whereby Clal will purchase shares of the Ararat insurance company that would give it 50.6 per cent of the voting power and 30.6 per cent of the equity in Ararat.

These shares, for which Clal will pay \$6.5 million over 10 years, have been held by the bank as a collateral for loans it gave.

A definitive agreement has yet to be signed between the two sides, but if the deal goes through, Clal will hold 76.2 and 68.6 per cent in Ararat's voting power and equity respectively.

Azoria, the Clal building subsidiary, responded to newspaper reports that Shikun Ovidim was taking a stake in its subsidiary, Azoria Properties, by saying that since the whole

matter was under legal procedure, it had no interest in explaining its position.

It did, however, confirm that it had held talks with Shikun Ovidim whereby the latter would purchase 35 per cent of Azoria Properties for \$2m., and that Shikun Ovidim had informed Azoria that it was not interested in pursuing the deal.

Labour troubles at Union Bank

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The management at Union Bank, a subsidiary of Bank Leumi, has brought charges against the head of the bank's staff committee. The charges are for damages suffered by the bank in the course of a three-day strike earlier this month, which was held without an authorization from the Histadrut.

The background to the strike was the refusal of Union's management to agree to the staff committee's demands for a larger wage increase this year than was obtained by the Bank Leumi staff. For many years, wages have been equal in Leumi and Union, but Union employees sought to steal a march on their Leumi

colleagues, who signed a low and delayed wage settlement earlier this year.

They therefore refused to sign a similar wage deal and struck in support of their demands.

Union's management (Ernest Japhet is chairman of the board at both Leumi and Union) has now announced that it will suspend legal proceedings against the staff committee head immediately a wage deal maintaining parity with Leumi is signed.

The Union board also noted that the delay in signing a wage deal "is an obstacle preventing the maintenance of orderly labour relations in the bank, and causes disruptions."

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Harry Oppenheimer bows out as De Beers board chairman

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). — Harry Oppenheimer, South Africa's most prominent businessman and reputedly one of the world's ten richest men, yesterday announced his retirement as head of the De Beers diamond empire at the end of this year.

His successor at De Beers, which reportedly controls 85 per cent of the world's diamond trade, will be his close business associate Julian Ogilvie Thompson, 50.

Ogilvie Thompson is De Beers' current deputy chairman and joint deputy chairman of the diamond group's associate company, Anglo-American Corporation, the world's largest mining firm.

Oppenheimer's 39-year-old son, Nicholas, tipped by some business commentators as a future head of the family empire, will be De Beers' new deputy chairman.

"Harry Oppenheimer's retirement from the chairmanship of De Beers at the age of 76 marks the end of his active control of a hugely profitable business empire founded by his father in 1917."

Two years ago, he stepped down as chairman at Anglo-American, in favour of another key business associate, Gavin Kelly.

Oppenheimer held his depart-

ure from De Beers saying he would stay on until a slump in the diamond industry was over.

Economic recovery in the U.S. boosted demand for gems and put the sparkle back into De Beers last year. In 1983 De Beers' sales of rough stones and industrial diamonds rose over 25 per cent, to \$1.6 billion, marking the end of two years of poor results. In 1980, before business plummeted, De Beers reported record sales worth \$2.7 billion.

After-tax profits for 1983, reported in March, rose 20 per cent, to \$30.2 million (and then equivalent to \$440 million dollars).

Strike at Le Monde

PARIS (Reuters). — France's respected daily *Le Monde* failed to appear again yesterday because of a strike over proposals to cut salaries to save the newspaper from bankruptcy.

Le Monde's first strike since its birth 40 years ago began Monday after management proposed a 14 per cent pay cut for administrative staff, journalists and executives.

The strike by messengers, loaders and administrative staff has aggravated the crisis at the newspaper, which staff and management had been trying to resolve by negotiation.

British Airways sale

LONDON (Reuters). — State-owned British Airways (BA), one of the world's biggest airlines, will probably be sold to private investors next February, the company's chief executive said yesterday.

The sale of the airline, which is now showing a profit after a major restructuring, has been planned for several years. It is part of the ruling Conservative Government's policy of cutting its direct stake in business.

The price for the sell-off has not been fixed. BA reported an operating profit in 1983 of £293 million (£350 million).

Change in mortgage banks' reporting

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The mortgage banks will henceforth be required to report monthly to the central bank on a number of key statistics and developments in their business. The new system will go into effect from this month, with the first report due by December 21.

Whereas hitherto the reporting system had been based on periodic balance sheets, which reflected the state of business on a given day, the new requirements will allow the Bank of Israel to remain far more up-to-date regarding emerging trends as a result of being able to monitor month-to-month changes.

The statistics to be reported will include the number of loans for purchases of dwellings executed during the month, the number of repay-

ments of such loans, how many loans are lagging in their repayments and how many standing orders for mortgage repayments were not honoured (because of insufficient funds).

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Tunnel with no light

THE NEWS from Nakoura is nothing to cheer about. The Israel and Lebanese teams meeting there in an attempt to work out the terms of the IDF's withdrawal from South Lebanon have so far been able to agree on only one point: that they have been unable to make any progress in their purported negotiations.

One small step may in fact have been taken. The Lebanese appear to have dropped their silly demand for a \$10 billion indemnity from Israel for damage caused in the last war. But this must have been from the start only a publicity gimmick not meant to be taken seriously. For the rest, the parties were as widely apart in their conceptions of an acceptable solution at the last session as they had been when they met for the first time at the border crossing two weeks ago.

The Lebanese, no doubt with Syrian prompting, keep insisting on the unconditional evacuation of the south by Israeli troops, and the takeover of the area by the Lebanese Army. The restoration of Lebanon's sovereignty over the south would in their eyes allow for only a limited presence by Unifil along the border with Israel, in the old Haddadland, but not in the territory held by the PLO before June 1982. And the South Lebanon Army under Gen. Antoine Lahad would be disbanded.

When the question is put whether Lebanon's Army would be willing and able to bar the return of PLO terrorists to the south, no straight answer is given. But the point is stressed that Lebanon is not Israel's policeman.

This is wholly unacceptable to Israel. But the Israeli assumption is that, even if it were willing, the Lebanese Army - not exactly an imposing military force - could not be depended upon to keep the peace of Galilee. Occasional Katyusha rockets may of course be fired across the frontier even when the south is under IDF occupation, as Israelis have been reminded again this week. But with the IDF gone, all hell could easily break loose without preventive arrangements being taken.

In the Israeli view this requires, in the first place, that a beefed-up Unifil, deploying mainly in the northern section of the area now held by Israel, would act to block infiltration by terrorist groups. Secondly, it requires that local forces in the south, headed by an SLA integrated as a Territorial Brigade into the Lebanese Army, and maintaining its ties to the IDF, would handle smaller terrorist groups that have passed through Unifil's net.

An eventual narrowing down of the present differences at Nakoura is not, on the face of it, an impossibility. The contentious SLA issue, for example, might conceivably be resolved by allowing Beirut to assert its authority over the force, such as it is, through naming its commander. But at the moment the gulf appears almost unbridgeable.

On one view this need not be cause for undue concern, since the Nakoura talks are only a smokescreen behind which the real diplomatic effort towards an understanding between Jerusalem and Damascus is being carried on by the Americans. But Syrian readiness to revive the once effective though never officially acknowledged "Red Lines" in Lebanon cannot be taken for granted.

In the end this country may have no choice but to set its own terms for withdrawal and, acting unilaterally, perhaps extract a measure of consent from the Syrians and the Lebanese.

RABIN ON CUTS

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lished. Rabin pointed at Likud MK Michael Dekel and replied: "People like Dekel are well aware that the Likud and Labour are not in dispute with regard to these five places."

Rabin said: "The matter never came up in the cabinet again which proves there was no argument."

Dekel: "There was a problem inside the Likud which has been holding up the establishment of the five settlements."

Rabin: "I didn't want to say it. But if you said it, then you said it."

Rabin did not comment on another question from Magen about the alleged resuscitation of the so-called Jericho Plan which would have offered King Hussein, in 1974, a corridor across the Jordan River

and into the West Bank.

Officially, Israeli leaders have always denied any such offer was made to Hussein.

Magen said he heard about the matter from an Israeli land leader who told him that Arabs owning land near Jericho refused to discuss deals nowadays on the grounds that they believed the Jericho Plan would soon come up again.

Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) warned that the Nakoura talks would never amount to anything more than hot air. He advised the government to decide on unilateral measures in Lebanon to achieve whatever is feasible, since to depend on Syria and Lebanon would produce nothing.

HOSPITALS

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overall health service, where they will provide a specialized service."

According to Dr. Ahmed el-Muktadi, director of the Hospice Hospital, it cares for the poor of the city who have no health insurance. This includes some 70,000 persons living in Jerusalem and in surrounding villages, he said.

Gur, however, maintained that good health care must be provided to all citizens, poor or rich. A hospital with sub-standard equipment and giving sub-standard service is not to be tolerated, even for the very poor, he said.

The problem can be solved by closing the hospital, in which case the government will have to make arrangements to insure the local

population with a health fund; by reviving the hospital, or by limiting the hospital to special services.

The Hospice Hospital was opened in 1948 and is housed in a building belonging to the Austrian Catholic Church. Its five flights of stairs and lack of elevator make life difficult for patients and staff alike. The hospital also lacks recovery rooms, cardiac monitors and other essential equipment.

Asked by the press whether closing the only government hospital in the Arab sector would not be a mistake, Gur said: "I think the time has passed when we need to prove that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. We are concerned with providing the best possible medical service for the city and the entire country," he said.

But in the end it will be the human considerations rather than the budget that will decide the fate of the Hospice Hospital, Gur said. His ministry is aware of local attachment to the hospital, the importance of language and communication for the sick and of the convenience of the present arrangement. These factors, he said, will be carefully considered.

LOTTO. - In last night's Lotto draw, the following numbers won: 1, 6, 9, 19, 24, 34. The additional number is 33.

Sharon's rights - and wrongs

By SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

THE TRIP to New York by Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, to attend the proceedings of his libel suit against Time magazine, has raised a good deal of controversy in Israel and among Israel's friends abroad.

The fact that it is Sharon who is involved and not some other personality only sharpens the controversy. Israel's enemies are having a ball. Whether Sharon wins or loses seems almost irrelevant.

Part of this "celebration" has been going on within the Knesset. On November 6, Knesset Member Yair Tzaban (Mapam) described the cabinet's decision to lay out \$10,000 of taxpayers' money for Sharon's trip and his stay in the United States as scandalous. The sum of \$10,000 is probably a gross underestimation of the cost to the Israeli taxpayer, given that Sharon is accompanied not only by his wife but also by four security men. Moreover, his absence for several weeks from his official duties, for which he is presumably receiving his full salary and fringe benefits, must be added to the bill.

Sharon's supporters argue that it is perfectly justifiable for the state to pay for the trip (though not for his legal counsel) since he is defending not just his own name but that of the state as well.

On November 7, Knesset Member Micha Harish (Labour) placed an urgent motion on the Knesset's agenda on "Minister Sharon's trial against the Time weekly."

In so doing, Harish acted against the wishes of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who is doing his best to avoid storms within the cabinet. And Harish's move was sure to raise such a storm.

IN HIS MOTION, Harish raised two questions: Firstly, should a senior minister be allowed to go to court irrespective of its effect on the state's interests? And secondly, should a minister, in charge of a key economic ministry, be allowed to absent himself to attend to personal matters at this most critical econo-

mic time? Harish's own answer to both questions is, of course, "no." A senior economic minister, he argues, should not be absent from the country at such a time and he should not be allowed to go to court, especially to a court abroad, without fully coordinating his moves with the relevant authorities in Israel.

"It is a principle of public life that ministers must so order their affairs that no conflict arises, or appears to arise, between their private interests and their public interests," Winston Churchill once said in reply to a parliamentary question in the House of Commons: "Each minister must decide for himself how these principles apply to him...in case of doubt, the prime minister of the day must be the final judge."

Clearly, Sharon decided for himself that there was no conflict between his libel suit against Time magazine and the interests of the state.

On the contrary, Sharon has argued that by defending himself against the libel - that he encouraged Pierre and Amin Jemayel to carry out the massacre at Sabra and Shatila - he is, in fact, defending the good name of Israel.

UNDOUBTEDLY, the good name of the State of Israel was badly tarnished as a result of the Lebanon war in general (for which Sharon was directly responsible) and Sabra and Shatila in particular (for which the Phalange was directly responsible).

There is also no doubt that the international media did Israel a gross injustice over both issues by frequently misrepresenting the facts, publishing unsubstantiated information, or reporting outright lies.

While I am not a fan of Sharon, I firmly believe that the Time magazine story about what went on between him and the Jemayels at Bekfaya on September 15, 1982, is unfounded. The most that one could say of Sharon's connection with Sabra and Shatila is that since he should have known that a massacre was

likely, he should have made sure that everything possible was done to prevent it, which he did not. But that is a far cry from accusing him of initiating the massacre.

These being the known facts, Sharon may well win his case and come home with the \$50 million in damages he is claiming - more than enough to repay the Treasury for the direct cost of his trip and the indirect loss to the state resulting from his prolonged absence.

SO WHY DO so many people, not least Micha Harish, argue that irrespective of the outcome of the trial its mere existence is causing Israel immeasurable harm?

Part of the reason has to do with the personality of Sharon himself. Sharon is a controversial figure, and there are many who believe, rightly or wrongly, that he poses a potential threat to democracy in Israel. Perhaps the fears are exaggerated, but the negative image exists, strengthened by Sharon's own conduct during the Lebanon war, which left much to be desired in terms of the democratic process.

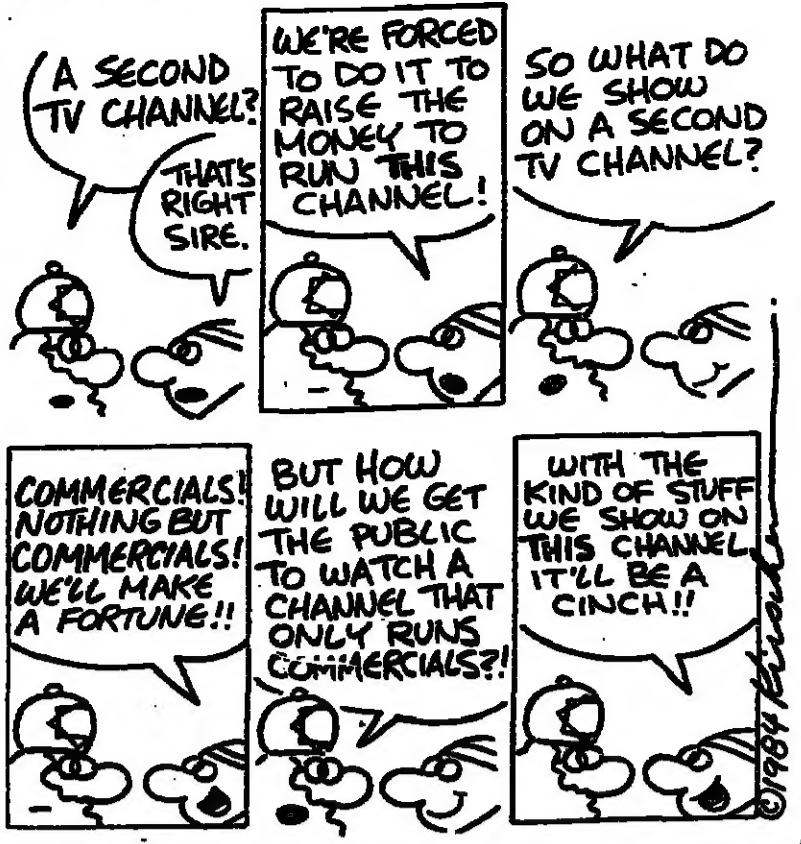
It is a fact that Sharon's image abroad is even worse than it is in Israel, and those who accuse Labour of spreading this negative image abroad do not know what they are talking about. People abroad observe Sharon and draw their own conclusions based on what they see.

As far as most of these people are concerned, even if it is conclusively shown that Sharon did not encourage the Jemayels to take revenge for the assassination of Bashir, they will still believe that he is capable of such an act. Nothing he can say at the trial in New York will change this perception, no matter how eloquently he speaks of his materially-poor, value-rich childhood in Kfar Malal.

I DO NOT denigrate the problem: it is not Sharon's alone, but that of the State of Israel, in whose government he serves.

However, the least Sharon could have done was to coordinate his

Dry Bones



actions with the appropriate authorities of the state, and if these authorities had decided that the issue was not important enough for the state to become directly involved in, he could have proceeded as a private citizen.

But even if Sharon had resigned his post and proceeded as a private citizen, there would have been no way of avoiding damage to Israel's image.

One should not be surprised to learn that it is not just Micha Harish who is concerned about the consequences of the post-American presidential election media focusing on Sharon the man, Sharon the Israeli cabinet minister, and Sharon the central actor in many controversial episodes in Israel's history. The concern is, apparently, shared by many American Jewish leaders.

It is no coincidence that politicians - active or retired - usually avoid libel suits. They are messy affairs. They frequently involve the exposure of state secrets. And even if such suits are won, they are unlikely to change the politician's image, though they might get the record straight on a particular fact.

Henry Kissinger could keep a dozen courts busy for several years if he were to bring libel suits against all those who have besmirched his name in the past decade. But he has avoided doing so, and he has ways of making his position known when he wants to. When history judges him, and the administrations he served, no one particular episode will change the picture, and on controversial episodes, Kissinger's personal versions, written by himself or others, exist for the record.

Sharon would have been well advised to have followed Kissinger's example. Sometimes silent contempt is the best reaction. Perhaps greater efforts should have been made by Sharon himself - and others on his behalf - to enable the publication of the relevant secret sections of the Kahane Report, or to conclusively prove that they do not exist. One could discredit the Time story

without a trial. One might add that anonymous letters sent by Sharon fans to all those who dare criticize Sharon's actions, including his decision to sue Time magazine, only add to the negative image which Sharon projects and which the trial cannot erase.

If Sharon is so concerned with his image and reputation, as well as with the image of that Israel which he represents, perhaps he should start by cleaning his front porch at home.

IN THE MEANTIME, the trial continues, with all the immeasurable damage it is causing Israel in U.S. public opinion and at a time when favourable opinion is vital, not least of all to enable the continued massive economic support which Israel so desperately needs for its economic recovery. Indeed, this is a matter which Sharon should be attending to right now in his Jerusalem office.

Greater efforts should have been made to prevent the trial taking place at all. Now it is too late to stop the trial, but a compromise might still provide a welcome solution. And if a last-minute compromise is not worked out, all that Israelis can do is hope that Sharon wins. A defeat could be catastrophic for Israel.

For now, though, it is important that the Knesset lay down rules which will guide the government in future. The result of Micha Harish's urgent motion for the agenda was an undertaking by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim to examine the question of how democracies deal with situations in which ministers wish to go to court.

In Israel, there are no legal or constitutional provisions to deal with this issue, which is why Sharon was free to act as he saw fit. Once the justice minister reports back to the Knesset with his findings, we shall certainly be hearing more on the subject.

Dr. Rolef is a freelance writer, researcher and lecturer. She is closely associated with the Labour Party.

READERS' LETTERS

OTHERS' BELIEFS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - I don't think Abba Eban needs Yosef Goell to defend his integrity as he tries to do in his article, "Religious guerrillas" (November 15).

Goell apparently fails to understand that Eban's American television series, *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews* was designed to inform tens of millions of viewers who would place trust in its academic honesty, and consequently be influenced by its content. And to disregard the fact that Jews believed continuously for over 2,000 years in the *Pirkei Avot* (Ethics of the Fathers) introduction that Moses received the Torah at Sinai, as Eban did, was a violation of that trust - notwithstanding the fact that, "...the overwhelming majority of Israeli Jews" and many Orthodox Jews in the U.S. today believe differently. The damage was done, but upon bitter protests by believing Jews, Eban properly extended apologies. That was no "diplomatic backtracking," as Goell calls it. It was simply an expression of tolerance of others' beliefs.

Goell's own attempted stance of tolerance is belied by his sarcasm which was bound to offend many, for example: "many Jews... do not believe in a God who gives dictation on mountain tops," or "...a bursting forth of Godly emanations from the Temple Mount which should require the rerouting of aerial overflights, or in the waiting of Satanic emanations from the Hadassah Hospital morgue and pathology department, which can only be stopped by an elaborate contrivance of pneumatic double doors."

Neither Eban nor Goell, secularists nor religiousists know for certain that the *Pirkei Avot* dictum is absolute, or is not. You either believe, or you don't. However, the minority ultra-religious not only dogmatically claim that it is true but are also contemptuous of those who also disagree. Goell posits that the beliefs of the "vast majority" of contemporary Jews should be accepted as the guiding source. Regrettably, both camps lack tolerance.

HERMAN SPECTOR
Beersheba.

NE'EMAN ON EBAN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - In his letter of October 14, Knesset Member Abba Eban, whose mastery of the English language is undisputed, appears to have unusually exerted himself in his selection of epithets for Mr. Peter Goldman - "sheer effrontery," "mendacity," "malice," "spurious and tendentious views" - all this instead of answering Mr. Goldman's very rational comments. With all due respect to Mr. Eban's great contributions to Zionism and Israel, a man of politics should be capable of answering criticism without having recourse to profanity.

The Sept. 1982 Reagan initiative was rejected by the Israeli Cabinet at the time, and the present Prime Minister has confirmed that this is still Israel's official position, pending a new decision by the Cabinet. Any change would have to be agreed to by two blocs forming the present government. For Mr. Eban to say that President Reagan should have insisted, as Middle-Eastern "No's" should not be taken too seriously, is therefore, a somewhat surprising statement on the part of the chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, to say the least.

Mr. Goldman, incidentally, is responsible for the recent film on the

media's (and NBC in particular) biased reporting on the 1982 fighting in Lebanon. This is probably the greatest success scored in recent years in the propaganda war. With Mr. Eban's past contributions in this field, he should have been capable of appreciating this achievement.

Prof. YUVAL NE'EMAN, MK
Jerusalem.

GRATEFUL SOLDIERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - We feel obliged to comment on Henry Geithem's letter of November 14, "Taken for a ride."

In nearly eight years of residence in this country we have never driven past a hitch-hiking soldier if we have room in our car - and never have encountered any disrespectful behaviour from any of them. Only sincere thanks.

BILL AND NAOMI PHILLIPS
Haifa.

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HOSPITALITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, - Israel's national austerity deprives Ethiopian immigrants of many cultural programmes they would receive if times were better.

We in the Safad Community Foundation call on traditional homes throughout the country to open their doors to these olim during the Hanukkah holiday.

Interested families should contact us at the Safad Community Foundation, tel. 067-30448.

DAVID BEDEIN
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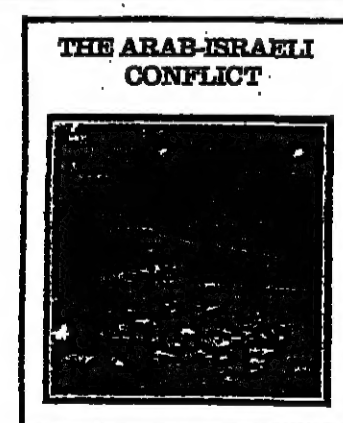
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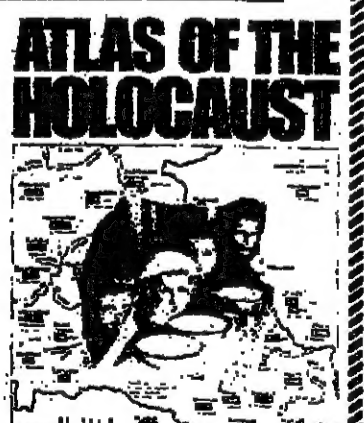
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